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WASHINGTON WATCHING FAR EASTERN EVENTS: JAPAN IS CAUTIOUS WHILE SEEING HOW ANY FURTHER POLITICAL BLUFF WILL WORK

CHINESE VISITORS TO WHITE HOUSE



Mr. T. V. Soong and Dr. Hu Shih, the Chinese Ambassador to Washington, snapped as they were leaving the White House after a talk with President Roosevelt.

FLEET AIR ARM BOMB THREE OIL TANKS

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced that the Fleet Air Arm bombed the fuel depot five miles south of Bergen.

Three tanks, containing 7,000 tons of oil, were hit. The largest was seen to blow up while the second largest was afire.

All our aircraft returned safely.

871,060 JAPANESE RESIDENT IN CHINA

TOKYO, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—Despite restrictions on travel to China enforced since May 20, the number of Japanese residents in China is steadily increasing, according to figures released by the Foreign Office.

Japanese colonies in North, Central and South China totalled 552,156 on Jan. 4, showing an increase of 58,527 over Jan. 4; Japanese residents in Peiping numbered 67,431, in Tientsin 51,374, in Tsingtao 32,057, in Talyuan 13,291, in Tsinan 18,028, in Nanking 10,190, in Shanghai 73,150, in Hankow 7,823, in Canton 8,508, Amoy 8,827 and Swatow 1,749.

CHINESE ARMY CONFERENCE

SHANGHAI, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The National Military Conference, in which all important Chinese military commanders will participate, has been summoned by the Chinese High Command to be held in Chungking some time next week, for the purpose of discussing general counter-offensive preparation measures, says a message from Chungking to the Tawangpo.

MECCA PILGRIMAGE AS USUAL

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The Government of Saudi Arabia issued a statement saying that the Mecca pilgrimage will take place as usual this year.

It is considered that sea and land routes to Mecca, which are connected by rail with the Red Sea and Port Jeddah, are safe for pilgrims.

The Fatshan Case

PILOTAGE FEES ALLEGATION

TOKYO, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—Referring to the refusal of the British authorities to let the Japanese liners, Kaiju Maru and Hakugei Maru, call at Hongkong, the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman said that possibly it had some connexion with the case of the British steamer Fatshan of the Butterfield and Swire, which plies between Hongkong and Canton.

The spokesman understood that she failed to pay the stipulated pilotage fees, so that pilots at Canton finally denied the steamer of their services, thus the Fatshan had been stranded in Canton.

The possibility of open Hungarian-Romanian hostilities is not at present seriously discussed in Budapest, although mobilisation is now almost complete.

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Disclosures On Progress Of Axis-Japanese Relations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—WHILE THE AMERICAN REPLY TO THE JAPANESE PROTEST AGAINST THE PROHIBITION OF EXPORT OF GASOLINE AND SCRAP METALS REMAINS UNWRITTEN, the State Department continues to watch with keen interest events in the Far East, especially the Anglo-Japanese imbroglio.

NO SURPRISE WAS CAUSED HERE WHEN THE BRITISH ARRESTS OF JAPANESE SUBJECTS HAD A CALMING EFFECT in Tokyo and the results of this measure have so far been taken as underlining the general belief here that Japan remains cautious of any serious international move while seeing how any further political bluff will work.

One of the best-known political writers in Washington, MR. JAY FRANKLIN, in the WASHINGTON POST yesterday made disclosures, which, if true, throw an interesting light on the progress of the Japanese relations with the Axis.

Mr. Franklin declares categorically, the German Ambassador in Tokyo, General Ott, twice called on Prince Konoye, the Premier before he took office and demanded the appointment of General Oshima, the former Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (who is said to be in favour of loose ties with Germany and Italy) as Foreign Minister, and the elimination of all Liberal elements from the Cabinet quid pro quo being Axis help in securing control over the Netherlands East Indies.

ITALIAN CABINET MEETING

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter)—The Rome Radio states that Mussolini will preside over an important meeting of the Italian Cabinet on Saturday when questions of great importance to the country will be discussed.

While it remains to be seen whether there are any Liberals in the

Konoye Cabinet, at least the demand regarding General Oshima has been refused.

Mr. Franklin suggests that Japan is trying to please the Germans in form while preserving freedom of action in fact. The readiness of the German Ambassador to make such demands, even before Japan is fully bound to the Axis, has shown the Japanese how little freedom and independence they might expect if Britain were to be defeated and Germany installed in the new world order, the writer states.

A REMINDER

Finally, Mr. Franklin reminds the Japanese that America is "privileged under the Four-Power Treaty of 1921" to protect the sovereignty of the Pacific possessions of Britain, France and Holland and "which could be done without the necessity of declaration of war, in accordance with the current

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STRONG ITALIAN ACTION IN AFRICA HAD BEEN EXPECTED

SITUATION IN BALKANS

RUMANIAN ENVOY IN BUDAPEST

LONDON, AUG. 8 (REUTER)—THE STRONG ITALIAN ACTION IN AFRICA HAD BEEN EXPECTED, WRITES THE TIMES.

The paper says: "It is indeed a little surprising, in view of the fact that Italy entered the war at her own chosen moment after long preparation, that it should not have begun earlier."

"Delay in the Italian East Africa would doubtless have been due on the Sudan front-

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ter to the rainy season and on that of British Somaliland to the waiting for the replacement of stout-hearted and aptly-named General Legentilhomme by the nominee of the Vichy Government, whose presence would put an end any anxiety about possible activities of the French forces in Jibuti."

NO ATTEMPT

Referring to the threat in Egypt the paper continues: "It may be anticipated that the British will make no attempt to oppose any Italian advance by means of rigid defence of the frontier."

"Our inferiority in numbers, superiority in fighting quality and the nature of the country all dictate in making fullest use of the desert and relying on mobility and hard hitting, rather than resistance of any given line."

"Prospect of the Italian offensive in this region is not to be taken lightly."

"None the less, the Middle East and the Egyptian Commands are looking forward to trial the strength with full confidence and any initial successes won by the enemy may be found to be more trouble than profit."



THEIR MAJESTIES VISIT INDIAN CORPS CAMP

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—Their Majesties the King and Queen visited Midlands yesterday and inspected the camp of the Royal Indian Service Corps.

It was an Indian feast day, called the feast of Gold and Silver.

Two white cloths, one holding a piece of gold the other a piece of silver, were presented to the King and Queen as tokens of the festival day.

The King laid his right hand on them as a sign of acceptance and then lifted his hand without taking them, indicating that His Majesty had graciously returned them to their donors.

Two gifts were accepted by Their Majesties and they were two flat round cakes made of whole wheat and water. They were handed over to the Queen to be given to the Princesses.

Their Majesties also visited Derby yesterday and as they drove through the streets they were cheered by large crowds.

They are believed not to be connected with politics. Ransom is the motive seen; most of the victims are wealthy. One silk merchant and his adopted son were released later.

A dozen kidnappers took part. One woman assisted two of the kidnappers in seizing the four-year-old child of a wealthy Soochow resident. One man fired two shots to scare away witnesses.

The victims are believed to have been taken to nearby hideouts outside the Settlement.

6 CHINESE ABDUCTED WITHIN TWO HOURS

SHANGHAI, Aug. 8 (Reuter)

Six Chinese, among them a four-year-old and three rich merchants, were abducted in a series of kidnappings in the International Settlement between 6.30 a.m. and 8.20 a.m. this morning.

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U.S. & CHILD EVACUEES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate legislation authorising United States ships to enter belligerent waters to evacuate child refugees.

The House has accepted amendments intended to assure that the children should not become public charges and to forbid nurses who are not American citizens, entering the United States.

Uganda War Fund

BIG REMITTANCE TO CHANCELLOR

KAMPALA, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The sum of £22,500 was remitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kinsey Wood, as the first contribution from the newly-formed Uganda War Fund.

Cotton interests agreed to subscribe a shilling per bale on last year's crop, or approximately £15,000, and sugar millers agreed to surrender the whole of the Colonial Preference certificates in respect of 1939 and 1940, approximating £7,000.

It is suggested that this is a

splendid example which might serve as a lead to other similar Colonial industries.

All races are responding energetically to the fund and further remittances are expected shortly.

DAY FOR PRAYER IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, August 8 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation setting aside Sunday, Sept. 8, as a day for prayer when Americans of every creed and denomination should ask God to grant to this land and the troubled world righteous and enduring peace.

LOSS OF AN EYE: SEQUEL TOKOWLOON BRAWL: BENCH AWARDS YOUNG MAN \$25

AN AWARD OF \$25 FROM THE POOR BOX WAS ALLOWED A YOUNG MAN, YAN HUNG-CHENG, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday, in compensation for the loss of an eye sustained in a street brawl in Jordan Road on July 13.

In allowing the compensation, the Magistrate informed him that he could in no way consider this compensation as being due him from the man in the dock, a cobbler's assistant, named Li Hon, with whom complainant had engaged in a brawl on the night of the incident.

"I am satisfied the fight was proposed to do if he (Tai So) not at the will of defendant but chiefly because of your friend," said Macfadyen, adding, "Defendant did not believe Tai So would do this, whereupon the latter did as he had threatened and threw the sandals into Jordan Road."

Addressing defendant, the Magistrate warned him that in the event of his being charged again with wounding a man in circumstances similar to those contained in the prosecuting officer's story, he would treat the case as seriously as he possibly could have in the present instance.

Defendant was placed on a bond of \$100 to keep the peace.

CONFICTING VERSIONS

Outline the case. Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that there were conflicting versions from either party to the case as to what had led to the brawl.

However, a reliable enough version of what happened was obtained from a witness, neutral to the incident, a youth named Wong Kam-sing.

Defendant was a shoemaker employed by the Nam Kei shoe-makers' shop at No. 243, Nathan Road, ground floor. The entrance was from Jordan Road.

On the evening of July 13, defendant was sitting a little distance out on the pavement, at the junction of the streets, repairing a riding boot.

A man, known to the police as Tai So, appeared on the scene, and lay down on the pavement behind defendant. Complainant also came up and squatted down in front of Li Hon.

GRASS SANDALS

Tai So asked defendant what he was doing with the boot, and remarked also on defendant's grass sandals, inquiring of him what he had neglected to drop these.

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Two weddings took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday at which Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated. The parties were:

Mr. Lee Hong-teck, student, residing at No. 47, Fa-Yuen Street, and Miss Kwong Sul-sum, of No. 45, Kung Lung Street.

Mr. Yuen Yon-chen, residing at No. 23, Haven Street, and Miss Wong Yee-wan, of No. 304, Lockhart Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Chung Wah-chiu, physical training instructor of the Education Department, residing at No. 27, Shelley Street, and Miss Kwan Wan-lan, teacher, of No. 158, Queen's Road West.

Mr. Tong King-kwong, alias Tong Tung-ka, manager of the Richard and Company of No. 16, Queen's Road Central, and Miss Au Chung-man, alias Anna Au, residing at No. 7, Garden Terrace.

Mr. Kwok Hing-chung, merchant, of No. 7, Arbuthnot Road, and Miss Woo Lai-wah, residing at No. 6, Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

Mr. Joseph Lo, clerk of the Japanese Consulate, of No. 97, High Street, and Miss Agnes Ng, residing at No. 84, High Street.

Mr. Tong Tak-po, engineer, of No. 33, Hau Wong Road, and Miss Lo Mu-hung, residing at No. 42, Bonham Road.

Pte. Alfred Taylor, R.A.M.C., and Miss A. Borisoff, masseuse, of No. 13, Hillwood Road.

Mr. A. H. Toovey, Royal Artillery, and Miss Rose Wong Ying, residing at No. 16, Clarence Terrace.

Mr. Louis Bing-sun, student, of No. 32, Taipo Road, and Miss Cheung Ching-fun, student, residing at No. 19, Luard Road.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate to the value of \$4,500 was left by the late Mr. George Finlay, who died at Shanghai on May 26, 1939. Application for sealing certified copy of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. Gerald Andrew Leiper, lawful attorney.

TENNIS LEAGUE "D" DIVISION

K.I.T.C. DEFEAT RECREO

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Club de Recreio by five sets to four in "D" Division of the Lawn Tennis League at King's Park yesterday.

South China Athletic Association were given a walk-over by Chinese Recreation Club in the only other match on the evening's programme.

N. A. Beltrac and V. Yvanovich (Recreo) lost to S.A. and S.S. Hussain 1-6; beat F. Khan and H. M. Singh 7-5; beat G. Singh and M. Ramzan 6-2.

R. M. Soares and P. Yvanovich (Recreo) lost to S.A. and S.S. Hussain 1-6; lost to F. Khan and H. M. Singh 2-6; beat G. Singh and M. Ramzan 6-0.

C. D'Almada and A. M. Alves (Recreo) lost to S.A. and S.S. Hussain 1-6; lost to F. Khan and H. M. Singh 1-6; beat G. Singh and M. Ramzan 6-2.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

SWIMMING.—European YMCA Men's Practice Period (5.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m.).

TOMORROW

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division.

Recreo "A" v. Police R.C., Craigengower v. Kowloon B.G.C.

Civil Service v. Kowloon Docks R.C., Kowloon C.C. v. H.K.

Football Club, Indian R.C. v. Recreo "B"; Second Division:

Craigengower v. Recreo, Tai

koo R.C. v. Kowloon Tong R.C.

Hongkong C.C. v. Police R.C.

Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Kowloon Football C. v. Civil

Service C.C.

EARL'S SECRET WEDDING

Nullity Petition Dismissed

The Earl of Craven alleged in the Divorce Court that at his wedding in St. Peter's Eaton-square, on May 3, 1939, he was suffering so acutely from alcoholic poisoning that he did not know he was being married.

Mr. Justice Hodson recently dismissed the Earl's nullity petition, granted Lady Craven a decree or granted Lady Craven a decree for restitution of conjugal rights.

Lady Craven, formerly Miss Gwendoline Irene Meyrick, is a daughter of the late Mrs. Meyrick, the night club proprietress.

According to Lord Craven's case he left his wife the day after the wedding, and did not return to her.

Before the marriage, except on one occasion, he had met Lady Craven only at a London night club; he felt no affection for her, and had not given her an engagement ring.

BLOOD TEST

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hodson said that Lady Craven knew in May that she was pregnant, but on July 14, for the first time, it was claimed that there had been no marriage. After the birth of a child a blood test was taken, which did not help the husband.

On the night before the marriage Lord Craven arrived in the small hours at the night club, having already drunk a good deal.

He drank more at the club, and marriage was discussed. The couple were married that morning.

From the time he left the night club until he was married, Lord Craven was in the company of his wife and her sisters.

"I am asked to say" the Judge continued, "that these designing women got hold of him, and that everything he did thereafter was done under their guidance."

There was no doubt that when marriage was discussed, Lord Craven was active in making the necessary arrangements for the ceremony.

The Judge thought that incorrect particulars were given in the marriage licence because the parties wished no publicity for the fact that a peer was marrying one of the Meyrick sisters.

The Judge concluded: "I am unable to find that the husband has proved that he did not know what he was doing and that he did not consent to the marriage."

Mr. and Mrs. K. Hamamoto, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morisawa, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nakamura, Mrs. C. Servas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adachi and Mrs. Adachi, Mr. and Mrs. K. Murata.

The Misses W. Hara, T. Hara, Y. Sugimoto, H. Sugimoto, T. Moriwaki, and T. Tanaka, Mast, H. Zadig, Y. Akiyama, H. Egawa, M. Hara, T. Kato, A. Miyazaki, and E. Nishida.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Hamamoto, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morisawa, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nakamura, Mrs. C. Servas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adachi and Mrs. Adachi, Mr. and Mrs. K. Murata.

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SPORTS & GENERAL

Lawn Bowls Open Pairs

BIG VICTORY AT K.B.G.C.

Two matches were played in Kowloon yesterday in the Open Pairs of the Lawn Bowls championship.

At Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, R. P. Phillips and J. Henson beat J. K. Sloan and A. F. Paul by 20 shots to 19.

At the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, L. J. Silvers and J. F. V. Ribeiro beat V. Chittenden and W. Field 36-8.

In contrast to the close result at Kowloon Dock, Silvers and Ribeiro assumed an early lead and were never challenged. They led 22-8 on the 18th head and finished with 5, 6, 3 for a total of 36.

C. S. C. C. TEAMS

The following are the Civil Service Cricket Club lawn bowls teams for tomorrow:

1st Div. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.

(home, 3.30 p.m.)—J. Gellatly, A.

B. Allan, L. A. Colver, J. W.

Deakin (skip); A. Steven, J. Hollidge, J. F. McHowan, A. W. Grimmett (skip); C. J. Walker, W. J.

Burling, M. N. Rakusen, F. J.

Jones (skip).

2nd Div. v. Kowloon F.C. (away,

3.30 p.m.)—P. D. Crawley, H. Lord,

H. F. Harper, C. Strange (skip);

J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, E. W. Simmonds, S. Eccleshall (skip); A. F.

Shepherd, W. H. E. Colledge, E.

Kirman, W. R. Hillyer (skip);

Reserves: S. Morris and D.

Hollidge.

The Philadelphia-Washington game was postponed.

CRONIN HITS TWO HOMERS

U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—There was one postponement and two double-headers in the American Baseball Leagues yesterday the results of which follows:

NATIONAL

R. H. E.

St. Louis 9 18 3

(Mize homered).

Pittsburgh 10 9 3

(Vaughan homered).

St. Louis 6 11 1

Pittsburgh 12 13 2

Chicago 5 11 1

(Gleason and Nicholson homered).

Cincinnati 3 11 0

Brooklyn 8 14 1

(Walker homered).

New York 4 10 0

Boston 6 8 1

(Miller and Rowell homered).

Philadelphia 3 10 1

AMERICAN

R. H. E.

New York 7 11 3

(DiMaggio homered).

Boston 10 16 1

(Doerr and Cronin homered).

New York 6 10 2

Boston 3 8 0

(Tabor and Cronin homered).

Cleveland 9 12 0

(Bonneau (2) homered).

Chicago 3 10 4

Detroit 7 14 0

St. Louis 5 12 1

(McQuinn homered).

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VIGIL IN THE NIGHT

SUNDAY Laurel Hardy, Dennis King in
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COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

9—Tides: High 1.09 a.m. and 1.29 p.m. Low 6.54 a.m. and 7.18 p.m. Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on First Aid, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Club Meeting, 8 p.m. Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

10—Tides: High 2.56 a.m. and 4:13 p.m. Low 8.34 a.m. and 8.47 p.m. Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.; Sunset: 6:39 p.m. V.R.C. v Lai Tsun Swimming Gala at V.R.C. 8:30 p.m.

Triangular Swimming Gala at Y.M.C.A. Pool, 7:30 p.m. Lawn Bowls League.

11—Tides: High 2.56 a.m. and 4:12 p.m. Low 8.34 a.m. and 8.47 p.m. Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.; Sunset: 6:38 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m. Baseball League.

Lawn Bowls League.

12—Tides: High 4:04 a.m. and 5:55 p.m. Low 11:38 a.m. and 9:42 p.m. Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.; Sunset: 6:37 p.m. H.K. and Shanghai Bank Interim Dividend payable.

Crown Land Sale, F.W.D., 3 p.m.

13—Tides: High 5:08 a.m. and 7:29 p.m. Low 12:49 p.m. and 11:01 p.m. Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.; Sunset: 6:57 p.m.

14—Tides: High 6:11 a.m. and 8:29 p.m. Low 1:39 p.m. Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.; Sunset: 6:56 p.m. H.K. Tramways Ltd. Interim Dividend payable.

15—Tides: High 7:24 a.m. Low 9:55 a.m. Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6:55 p.m. Chung Shing Benevolent Society Swimming Gala.

SPY FILM AT MAJESTIC

In keeping with its now well-established tradition of being the first on the screen with good pictures based on timely subjects, the Warner Bros. Studio has come up with another such winner—namely, "British Intelligence," at the Majestic Theatre with Boris Karloff and Margaret Lindsay in the leading roles.

The new Warner picture is an exciting, swiftly-moving recital of the activities of spies in wartime, and the two nations with whose espionage services it deals are England and Germany. Its period is that of the World War of 1914-1918, but the events it depicts are likely to be just as applicable to the current era.

INDIAN POET HONOURED

SANTINIKETAN, Bengal, Aug. 5 (Reuters)—Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the 80-year-old Indian poet, received the degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) of Oxford University at a special convocation of Oxford University held here.

This is believed to be the first time that a special convocation was held outside of Oxford.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, the Chief Justice of India, represented Oxford University.

Sir Rabindranath, in Sanskrit, thanked Oxford University "for its precious gift to him and his country."

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100 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

103 Sir Edward German — Neil Gwynn Dances.

Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

113 Popular English Ballads.

The Sunshine of Your Smile (Cooke-Ray); Come Sing to Me (Thompson)—Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra. Bless This House (Britten)—Eddie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ. Love Could I Only Tell Thee (Bingham-Capel) — The Kentucky Minstrels with Organ.

130 Router and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

145 Mendelssohn—Octet in E Flat Major, Op. 20.

International String Octet.

215 Close down.

216 A Schumann Programme.

Fantasiestucke, Op. 12 — Yves Nat (Piano).

O Ihr Herren, O Ihr Werten,

Op. 37, No. 3; Roseline, Roseline,

Op. 89, No. 8 — Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano. Papillons, Op. 2-Alfred Cortot (Piano). Der Nussbaum; Mondnacht-Karl Erb (Tenor) with Piano. Abendlied — Manuel Quiroga (Violin) with Piano.

5:35 Excerpts from Wagner's "The Valkyries."

A Stranger Here? — Lotte Lehmann (Soprano) and Lauritz Melchior (Tenor). Who's Own This Heart?

Lauritz Melchior (Tenor), Cooling Relief the Water Has wrought — Lotte Lehmann and Lauritz Melchior.

What Gleameth There From Out The Gloom? — Lotte Lehmann and Lauritz Melchior.

The Kissmen Gathered Here in The Hall — Lotte Lehmann (Soprano).

5:58 Closing "Local Stock" Quotations.

7:00 Havel—Boles.

The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris.

7:17 Negro Spirituals.

Were You There? (arr. Thomas).

Little Wheel A-Turnin' (arr. Thomas).

Keep A-Inchin' Along—Edna Thomas (Soprano) with Piano. Git On Board.

Oh! Chilun; Dore No Hidin' Place;

Oh! Rock Me, Julie; Oh! Didn't It Rain — Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

7:30 London Relay—The News.

8:00 Local Time, Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8:03 Eale de Costa at the Piano.

Waltz Romantique (de Costa); Jazz Goblines (da Costa), Dancing Butterflies (Young and Petters); Waltz "Time" — Medley (Strauss, arr. Levy).

8:15 Light Orchestral.

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9:30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

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COMMONS ON STRENGTHENING BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC FRONT FOR A TOTAL WAR

Hitler's Position Not So Rosy—Mr. Greenwood

LONDON, AUG. 8 (REUTER)—THE GOVERNMENT HAS DIRECTED ITS ENERGIES SINCE ITS FORMATION TO STRENGTHENING THE SINWS OF WAR, DECLARED MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE WAR CABINET, INITIATING A DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC ORGANISATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

"He began: "It was clear in the very early days of the new government that a tremendous and growing burden rested on Britain. I do not think, however, that the outlook today should daunt us."

"To achieve victory as swiftly as may be, our fighting forces must be adequately provided with the sinws of war and the people must be kept in good heart. The Government has directed its energies to strengthening the sinws of war."

"Planes, tanks, guns and munitions of war each call for varied skill and a large variety of materials, drawn from the four quarters of the earth."

"The arena of the war has widened by the increased range of aircraft and the war has become a total war in which the term non-combatants ceases to have any meaning. War of this kind and the complexity involving the whole population calls for economic organisation on a scale unknown in the past and I am prepared to admit, not yet fully achieved in the present."

SERIOUS PROBLEMS

Turning to the economic position of the enemy, Mr. Greenwood said: "Hitler, in his latest speech, painted a rosy picture of his economic strength. He also said that his total supplies for the Army and Air Force are considerably greater than before the attack in the west. That no doubt is true, as of course it is true of this country. But Hitler is beset by serious problems within his swollen boundaries which will intensify as days go by."

"Hitler boasts that his food supplies are guaranteed for as long as the war lasts. I fancy that as the war draws on, Hitler will not be happy, as a condition of famine, for which his aggression and conquest are responsible, has condemned considerable areas of his newly-seized territory."

COUNTRY DEVASTATED

"A multitude of refugees have tramped on growing corn. His tanks have devastated much of the country-side and his own crops are not very good this year. Next spring he will begin to feel the pinch of the food problem even more seriously than now. He will continue the making of war material but some of his chief industrial areas and aerodromes have suffered very heavy punishment."

"Oil refineries, stores, railway junctions, marshalling yards, docks, and ships have been and will continue to be targets for our deadly bombing planes night by night, week by week, more heavily as our bombing strength increases."

"His output undoubtedly has been very seriously interfered with. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to repair the damage to productive enterprises, lines of communication, etc., for a considerable time. He will need to draw more and more on his resources and the more vigorously he prosecutes the war the more rapidly his stores will disappear."

FOREIGN SOURCES

"He will find it increasingly difficult to replace the losses. Measures have been taken to ensure that Hitler shall not draw sustenance from foreign sources. Not only Germany but the controlled territories will be unable to carry on trade on any scale with the outside world."

"The blockade operated over a wide area which must become more and more impoverished as its trade arteries are cut. Hitler will continue to seize all food and materials he can from the overrun territory, but once he has despoiled his victims, his supplies will either cease or become less plentiful."

HITLER'S BOAST

"Hitler boasts that he possesses unlimited quantities of iron. Iron he possesses in great quantities and he probably has no need to fear a shortage of aluminium. But his coal situation is different and his supplies henceforth will be seriously short. He may sit upon mountains of iron ore but as he has not the coal whereby it can be smelted, it will not be of first class military value."

AIR ATTACKS

Mr. Greenwood then dealt in detail with the industrial capacity and organisation and said that provision had also been made

against the destruction of factories from the air with plans for rebuilding and for moving of reserve plants.

He recalled his statement on July 11 in the House of Commons regarding new organisation to deal with purchases in North America through the Canadian and United States channels following dissolution of the Anglo-French organisation.

The new organisation had been actively at work for some weeks. The United States Government was now engaged in an effort of national rearmament and mobilising American industry for that purpose.

ORDERS IN U.S.

While, therefore, but a few months ago Britain was placing orders with American industry to supplement the defences in the combined Allied production, they had now the need to embark on a much more extensive programme which must be related to the American national defence preparations.

Therefore the House would readily understand the complexity of the question involved in the task of the British Purchasing Commission in New York.

"At the same time we need both in New York and London to co-ordinate our requirements with those of India, the Dominions and our allies, who must look to us for supplies."

"The United States and Canada have been our two most important potential providers of war material."

SAFEGUARDING CONSUMPTION

Continuing, Mr. Greenwood said it was necessary for efficient conduct of the war that the consumption of the people should be safeguarded and unnecessary hardship avoided.

"The rise in the cost of living is less than the rise in prices generally. Our object is that prices of necessities should be kept down and we are spending considerable sums to do that."

"The policy of anchoring prices of essential commodities will be continued. We believe by these means that we shall ensure the unimpaired health of the nation."

INCREASED EXPORTS

"We have taken steps to increase exports and we will do everything we can properly do in that direction. But in the present circumstances, it is clear that the possibilities of increased exports are not too rosy."

"It is important that we should use foreign exchange as far as we can for the purchases of aeroplanes, munitions, etc., abroad. At the same time, we need to retain a proportion of skilled labour on the production of commodities for export in order that our supplies for foreign exchange may be maintained."

"We must limit imports to things essential to the consumption and productive services. At the moment our shipping position is not too bad. The capacity has not been very seriously impaired, but we are bound to recognise that our ports and our shipping will be among the main objectives of the enemy's attacks."

PRUDENT MEASURE

"It is prudent, therefore, that our country make as much as we can of those foodstuffs and materials as can be readily stored to build up our stocks against the day when our capacity to import may not be so great."

PLAN FOR LABOUR

Mr. Bevin declared that there was a plan for labour and that the plan was working.

He said that a thousand miners, thrown out of work by a collapse, had been used to increase the power of the Navy by speeding up the construction of gun-mountings and other things.

WARM WELCOME

Hitler would get a far warmer welcome than he otherwise would have done.

Mr. Bevin added that while the Government were doing all they could to train men for industry they were not getting all the help they might from industry itself.

He concluded: "While we may make mistakes in judgment, we are planning towards securing final victory."

WAR ECONOMY

Mr. Harold Macmillan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, replying to the debate, said Government's task was even more complicated than turning

GENERAL

DEVASTATING ATTACK ON CHENHAI

10,000 CHINESE HOMELESS

Kiangnan, a small town on the south bank of the Yung River, sustained the heaviest damage during the recent Japanese attack on Chenhai, across the river, according to a report received by the Association of Kiangsu, Chekiang and Shanghai Merchants Resident in Hongkong, states Central News.

The town, which bore the brunt of the Japanese onslaught, now lies in ruins, the report says. In the west gate area all the houses have been reduced to a shambles.

Many of the inhabitants have been killed while no fewer than 10,000 have been rendered homeless and destitute. Charities and organisations are now doing their utmost for their relief.

KUNTOU SHELLED

CHUNGKING, Aug. 8 (Central) —A Japanese gunboat resumed shelling of the Chenhai coast in Chekiang yesterday morning. About 700 shells were hurled at Kunto, east of Chenhai. Most of them fell short in the sea.

Two Japanese gunboats steamed near Chunshan, an island in the Tungting Lake in north Hunan, on Tuesday and fired ashore with naval guns and machine guns. Chinese shore batteries replied and forced the enemy vessels to withdraw after suffering damage.

Later a number of Japanese steam boats appearing in the western part of the lake were fired upon and repulsed by the Chinese. Two of them were sunk.

PUPPETS REVOLT According to reports from Hainan, two more puppet units have revolted against the Japanese and joined the Chinese. One of the units under the command of Chang-Chi tung and a clash with the Japanese at Wuilien near Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan, killing a number of Japanese. The other unit under the command of Liu-Wen-cheng revolted at Huashien in north Honan.

Kwangsi reports reveal that Japanese troops started another drive toward Hsiaotung, west of Lungchow in the French Indo-China border, a few days ago. The Chinese cut them into several groups and drove them back.

Chinese troops along Manning-Yamchow highway are pressing toward Yamchow, inflicting many casualties upon the enemy.

Next of kin of the casualties have been informed.

TAIERCHWANG HERO

BANNER PRESENTED TO GENERAL KWAN

CHUNGKING, Aug. 8 (Central) —General Kwan Lin-cheng, famed Chinese army commander who distinguished himself in the fighting at Taierchwang and elsewhere, has arrived in Chungking from the front.

The town, which bore the brunt of the Japanese onslaught, now lies in ruins, the report says. In the west gate area all the houses have been reduced to a shambles.

A banner was presented to him.

In honour of his arrival a welcome meeting was held last night by the People's Foreign Relations Association of China, and other organisations.

A banner was presented to him.

In the meantime, he said, he preferred not to give a detailed reply.

FURTHER TRAWLER CASUALTIES

London, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that casualties in the H.M. trawler Marsona were one Officer killed, one Officer and 10 ratings missing and presumed killed, and six ratings wounded.

Casualties in the trawler Finisterre are one Officer wounded, one rating killed and eight missing.

The loss of both vessels were previously announced.

TRAWLER MINED

London, August 8 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announce that the mine-sweeping trawler River Clyde, has been sunk by an enemy mine.

Next of kin of the casualties have been informed.

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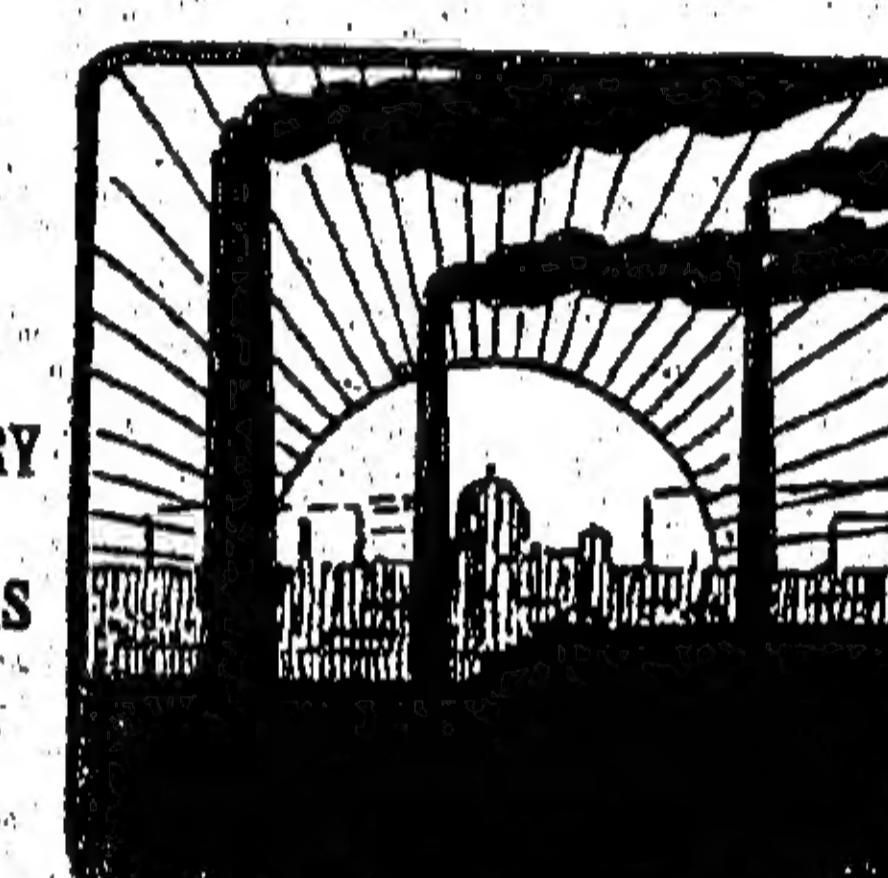
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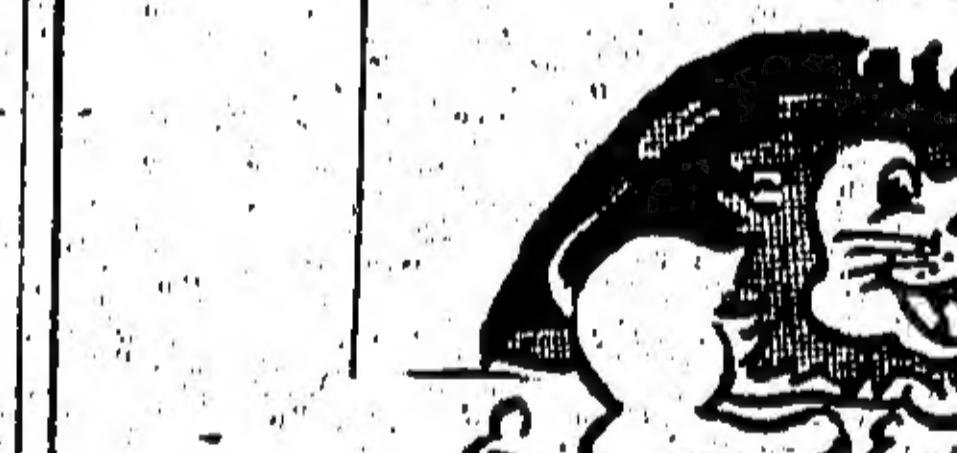
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over to war economy because war economy itself had to be adjusted to rapidly changing strategic and tactical considerations.

He could not announce the broad ambitions of a large-scale economic plan.

SCALE OF EVENTS

The vast scale of events must be borne in mind and the first definite plan was to give every sliver of our strength to preparation in the next few weeks and months.

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COURAGEOUS FIGHT ARMED INTRUDER

Shanghai Man Committed: Pleads For Leniency.

HELD WEAPON THAT WAS A TOY

The story of a courageous fight put up by an amah against a man, armed with a pistol, though at the time she did not know that it was a toy weapon, was related at the Central Magistracy yesterday when YIU MEI-MING, 31, unemployed, appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett on a charge of assaulting, with intent to rob, Cheung Lai-ching, at No. 2, Tung Lo Wan Road.

On July 22, at 10.50 p.m., the amah was alone in the house when she heard the door bell ring. She opened the door and saw defendant who had a gun in his hand. She tried to close the door but the man forced it open and shut it behind him.

She grappled with him and tried to take hold of the gun. They rolled to the ground and fought for about half-an-hour. Defendant threw the pistol out of a window. By this time neighbours were aroused and police whistles were blown.

DOOR CLOSED

A Chinese watchman ran to the house but could not get in as the door was closed. He went to the back of the premises and tried to climb in. When he was there he saw something thrown past him. He returned to the front door and eventually entered.

Sgt. Howell said he was passing along Causeway Road on his motor cycle when he heard police whistles and saw a watchman running in the direction of the French Hospital. He followed him and saw a large crowd outside No. 2, Tung Lo Wan Road. He went up to the door and, after some time, the door was opened and saw defendant standing inside.

Defendant, in evidence, said he was a telephone operator in Shanghai and came to Hongkong, because of the high cost of living.

JAPANESE WANT CENSORS FOR P.O. IN FRENCH CONCESSION

Continuous visits paid by Japanese mail censors to the Rue Massenet Post Office in the French Concession on July 30 and 31 led informed circles to believe that they might actually begin censoring mail commencing on Aug. 1, as originally reported, says the North China Daily News.

SEVERAL LANGUAGES

The censors speak several languages. It is learned, and they will occupy a room in that branch Post Office. The Chinese press reported last night that no one could prevent the censors from going to the Concession and the former report that their presence in the Concession would depend on agreement by Mr. A. M. Chapelain, of the Post Office who is arriving here by boat, was discredited.

The reports indicated that it would not even be necessary for the head office to order the Concession branch to receive censors, it being asserted that it was a "unilateral" action, political in nature and intervention by authorities of the Post Office was impossible.

EXHIBITION OF PORTRAITS

All those who have seen the fine portraits by Francis Wu, the well-known Chinese portraitist, cannot miss his pictorial exhibition. Although Mr. Wu specializes in portraiture, his pictorial are also outstanding and of international recognition.

His works on exhibition show individually because he has a keen eye for unusual subjects. He is a student of Mr. Nicholas Haz, P.R.P.E., the well known composition analyst of the world, and Mr. Wu's composition can be classified as "Hazian lines" or "Hazian curves." His subjects are simple and unique; having his emphasis based upon simplicity, unity, clarity and tone value.

This exhibition began yesterday and will continue until August 25 at the Eagle Photographic Service, No. 25 Pottinger Street.

Admission is free.

BY AMAH AGAINST IN FLAT

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

SENT TO HOME

Remanded from Tuesday for inquiries, Lai Siu-king, 18, was sent to the Salvation Army for six months by Mr. Sheldon yesterday. Lai was charged with having escaped from the Po Leung Kuk on the morning of July 11 without written order of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Insp. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., prosecuted.

TO STAND TRIAL

Li Hang-yip, alias Li Tan-ping, alias Li Ying-chung, accountant of the Li Man Hing tailor shop, was committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. Edwards yesterday on all charges, except the first, that of obtaining from the General Post Office, by false pretences, a parcel containing a finger ring belonging to John Wo and Company of Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

The other charges were three of forgery, three of uttering a forged document and one of endeavouring to obtain money by virtue of a forged instrument.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes. Defendant was legally represented.

ANOTHER REMAND

Li Chan-lam, alias Lee So, alias Tse Chu-lam, 26, prisoner, was remanded another week by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on the application of Det.-Insp. W. N. Darkin.

Li is charged with wounding with intent to murder and wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm to Prison Officer E. S. Franks, at Hongkong Prison, Stanley, on June 26.

HEAVY FINE

For evading to pay his bus fare, Ng San, 25, shop foki, and Ng Hon, 25, sanitary cooler, appeared before Mr. Barnett yesterday on charges of demanding money with menaces from Pun Ng, 44, junk coxswain, and Chan, Fun, 26, junk foki respectively.

Sgt. Pockson prosecuted.

MONEY DEMAND ALLEGED

Ng San, 25, shop foki, and Ng Hon, 25, sanitary cooler, appeared before Mr. Barnett yesterday on charges of demanding money with menaces from Pun Ng, 44, junk coxswain, and Chan, Fun, 26, junk foki respectively.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that

on July 19 the two defendants, with a third man, went on board Government Conservancy boat No. 3 and demanded \$15 from complainants as payment to enter a triad society. As they had no money the defendants went away and returned on July 29 when they asked the complainants to go to a teahouse the next night between 7.30 and 8 p.m., to pay over the money.

Meanwhile the complainants made a report to the police.

On the night of July 30 the second complainant arrived first at the teahouse but ran away as he had no money to pay.

First complainant arrived later. As he had no money he brought the defendants to the second complainant's house and obtained \$10 from his wife and paid to first defendant. They then went away.

On the following morning second complainant returned to his junk and met first defendant who again demanded money. He then took out \$6 and, before handing it over, tore a corner off. As defendant was pocketing the note he struck defendant a blow on the temple, seized him and took him to the police station.

Second defendant was arrested in his house.

After evidence was given by the complainants the hearing was adjourned to 10.30 this morning as first defendant wished to call a witness.

UNEMPLOYED REMANDED

A remand of 24 hours was granted in order to allow defendant, Tsui Chun-hung, 24, unemployed, to produce his birth certificate, by Mr. R. Edwards yesterday.

Tsui is charged with stealing \$3 in Hongkong currency and \$41 in Shanghai currency from Chen Pao-shing, cook on board a ship, on August 7 at Jubilee Street.

Sub-Insp. MacMahon appeared for the Police.

GENERAL

91 Traffic Accidents

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 3 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, 1940, there were altogether 91 traffic accidents as the result of which 3 persons were killed and 33 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a Chinese male, age 15 and a Chinese female, age 5, were knocked down and killed by a bicycle and a lorry respectively while crossing the carriage-way and a Chinese female, age 19, died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Vide last weekly return, the Chinese female, age 55, who was knocked down and injured by a bus on July 25 while crossing the carriageway, succumbed to her injuries on August 3.

Of 91 accidents, 37 were collisions between vehicles; 35 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 19 accidents were due to other causes.

CANING FOR SNATCHER

Chiu Sik-poon, 22, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Edwards yesterday on a charge of snatching a metal wrist watch from Chan Siu-sang at Eastern Street and was remanded for 48 hours for medical examination.

The complainant was walking along Eastern Street when defendant came from behind and snatched the watch. Defendant was arrested by Indian constable Bl2 in Third Street.

AT KOWLOON

ASSAULT CHARGE

Commitial proceeding against Wong Kam-yan, 34, and four others, charged on counts of assault with intent to rob and possession of two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition without licence, will be commenced before Mr. E. Himsworth on the afternoon of Thursday, August 15.

The other four defendants are Wong Ming, 25, Ko Kin, 33, Tsang Hong, 27, and Wong Wing-wei, 27. It is alleged they entered an opium den in Pine Shek village and assaulted an elderly man, Shing Muk.

Second defendant is additionally charged with escaping from the Argyle Street Camp on July 3 where he had been interned as a combatant Chinese soldier.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appears for fifth defendant, who is described as being a native of Walkiki, Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman will prosecute.

FRAUDULENT CONVERSION

Charged with fraudulently converting to his own benefit 48 cases of matches, property of Chau King-yan, master of the Hop Yuen Import and Export Company of No. 88, Connaught Road, a cargo canvasser, Mak Kwong-ki, 38, was remanded 48 hours in custody when he appeared before Mr. Himsworth yesterday.

WOMAN BOUND OVER

Charged with disorderly conduct by fighting near the Star Ferry wharf on Wednesday, Li Wan-ho, 24, a woman, was bound over on \$10 to keep the peace when she appeared yesterday before Mr. Himsworth.

Her alleged opponent in the fight, Ho Yung, 26, had bail of \$10 estreated when she failed to appear before the Magistrate. It was stated that the two women accused one another of having a number of lovers.

An Indian constable intervened in what was described as a "fat fight" and arrested both the brawlers.

HAWKERS FINED

Charged with breach of the cholera regulations, an unlicensed hawker, Chan Yuk, 17, was fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. Himsworth yesterday. Defendant was accused of hawking ice cream in Bute Street that had not been passed for sale by the Sanitary Department.

Another hawker, Chan Sui-ki, 19, arrested for a similar offence, was fined \$5 or five days by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen. He was accused of selling peeled pine-apples in Nathan Road.

BURGLAR GOALED

Charged with breaking into two residences in Shumshui-poo district and stealing clothing and some other articles, a man named Lau Yung, 28, described as a boat builder, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday.

Defendant was charged also with possession of a jack for an unlawful purpose.

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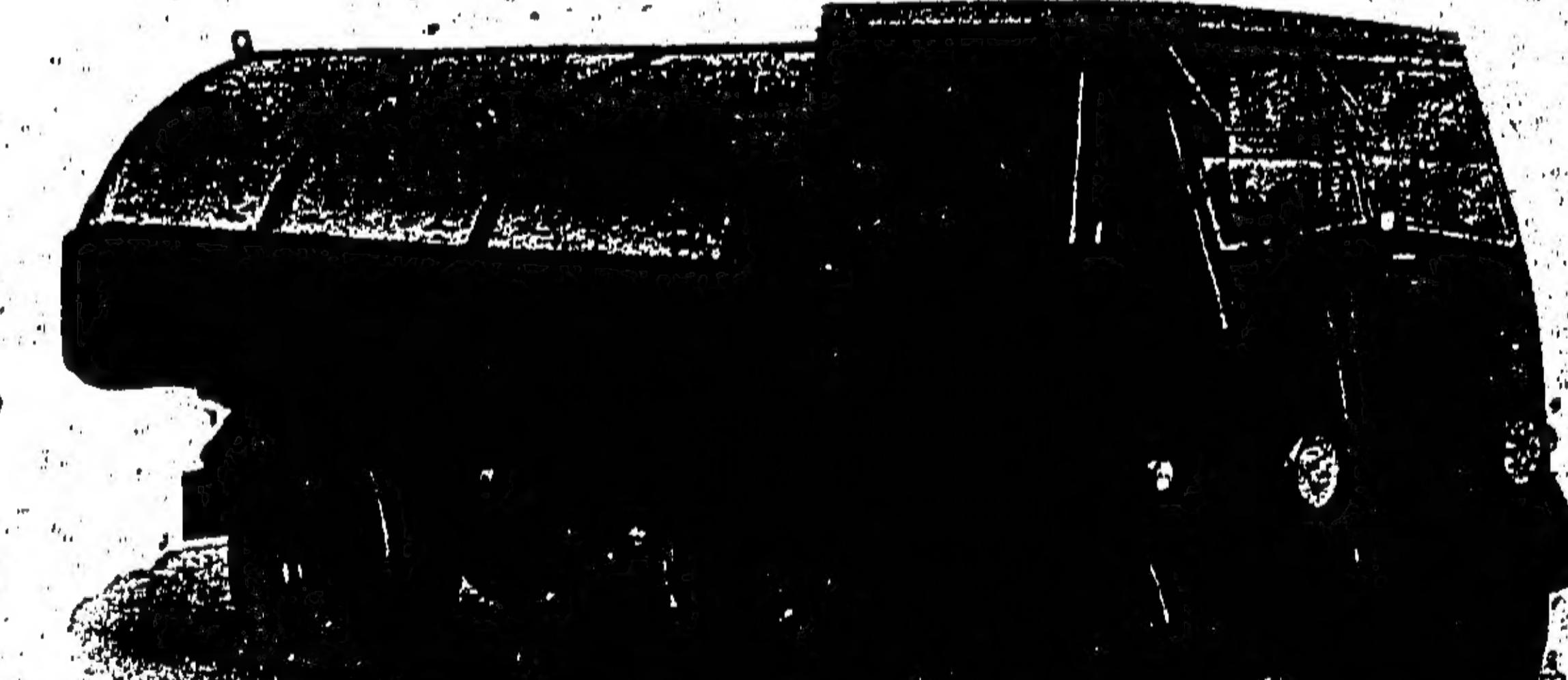
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
O. EAGER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th August, 1940.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

I N T H E G O O D S of Thomas Bradford otherwise Thomas Fisher Bradford late of Devonia, 81 Kimberley Road, Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, Engineer, deceased, Intestate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 55 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 29th day of August, 1940.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
O. EAGER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th August, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Magazine Gap Rd., in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental.	Under Price.
1	Inland Lot No. 8054	Magazine Gap Road, opposite inland Lot No. 2310.	As per sale plan.	About 16,800	288	4,000

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Speed-Up Of War Efforts

THE SEARCHING questions which are being asked in the House of Commons on the subject of Britain's war efforts have, apart from offering constructive criticism on the Government's programme, revealed a remarkable speed-up of practically every source of production to help the common cause for which the Empire is at war today. Every day of delay in the launching of the threatened assault on the British Isles by the German war machine is being utilised to make up the leeway from which Britain embarked on her undertaking to rid the world of the menace of Nazism. The British Government has been frankness itself on what it has been doing to harness the material resources of the Empire into one tremendous resistance on which human progress in this generation depends. The criticisms which have been offered will enable those responsible for this mighty organisation to fill up any loopholes that might still exist in the solid bulwark of opposition which the Germans will have to penetrate. Having responded already with a unity of purpose that has amazed the world, the peoples of the British Empire are now being asked to redouble these efforts and once again the answer to the demand will never be in doubt.

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2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 9276.	Battenen F. Yuen Street, Land Si Yee Street.	As per sale plan.	22,600	414	3,50

EDITORIAL

CAR MISHAP IN KING'S ROAD

Vehicle Somersaults, Catches On Fire

Two motorists had a narrow escape from death at 12.30 a.m. yesterday when their saloon car somersaulted thrice and subsequently caught fire, after the driver had suddenly swerved to avoid collision with another machine approaching from behind at a fast speed.

Victims of the accident were:

Mr. G. Kotwall, of Seen Keen Terrace and

Mr. K. P. Chau, of No. 40, King's Road.

Both were sent to Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head injuries. Mr. Kotwall, who was allowed to return home after treatment, was driving along King's Road in a westerly direction when another car overtook him near Tsing Street, resulting in the mishap.

The two men clambered out of the burning car which suffered extensive damage.

The Fok Chi Teng ambulance, during the month of July, answered 50 calls including five accident cases, sick patients 45. It travelled 444 miles and petrol consumption was 37 gallons at an average of 12 per mile.

operation. It also has to be remembered that only eighteen months ago Great Britain was thinking in terms of a small continental army and now that the ruthlessness of the forces opposed to her are fully recognised, the reorganisation of ideas and plans had to be based on a gigantic scale. This resulted in a quickening of the pace of arms production and the Ministry of Supply has been able to report that the output of weapons, tanks, munitions and other war material has far exceeded expectations, as workers in all parts of the Empire rally to the call of their mother country. Almost every walking hour in Britain today is filled with thoughts and pursuits of war and the entire energy of the Empire is concentrated upon securing final victory which spells liberty and peace.

DURING the last few weeks the Ministry of Supply, which controls and directs the country's war effort, has established what are known as Area Boards throughout Britain. The duty of these boards is to ensure that full use is made of all industrial plant for war production. If they find that there are factories which are not fit for this purpose, they have the authority to take steps to make the workers and plants in such places available to other parts of the country. In addition, a census has now been taken of all machine tools in Britain and action is being taken to permit all these tools being employed in the districts of greatest output, thus increasing Britain's reserves of plant and men. The contributions in men and material which continues to flow into Britain from her Empire overseas has encouraged workers at home in no small degree. This overseas response has forged yet another link in the chain of common ideals of life which has made the British Empire what it is today. A ceaseless stream of products of metals and like products are reaching England and are in themselves a tribute to the mastery which Britain exercises over her sea routes. The personal efforts being made by the men and women of the Dominions and Colonies is only matched by the determination of the workers in Britain to go forward together in the crusade against aggression.

WHAT HAS to be remembered, however, in this call to greater war efforts, is that perfection cannot be attained by sacrificing efficiency for speed. The British Government has made this particularly clear to those who have protested against delays in completing certain sections of the British war programme. Modern armaments cannot be produced overnight. The process of their manufacture is intricate and the utmost precision is required to make them effective in value and

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"SPIRIT" CASE HEARING

Accused Claims He Owed \$75

Replies to accusations that he had obtained \$300 in money and gold coins from an amah named Leung Wah-hoi by falsely pretending that he could appease a certain spirit on her behalf, Lau On, 32, master of a barber shop, gave evidence at Kowloon Court yesterday when hearing of the case was continued before Mr. E. Hinsworth.

Lau told the Court that the amah was an old acquaintance of his and he was in debt to her actually to the extent of \$75. On July 16, he met complainant at the Shamshui-poo ferry wharf where she had requested that he repay the debt.

He told her he was unable to comply with the request, and complainant then shouted "Snatch-ing!" and an Indian constable caught hold of him.

OWED \$800

Complainant explained to the Indian constable that he owed her \$800 and he was taken to a police station and charged on the strength of her accusation. The debt he referred to was for gambling and he had never engaged with complainant in any fortune telling.

Further bearing was adjourned to next Tuesday at 11.30 a.m. Mr. C. D'Almada is appearing for the defendant, and Sub-Inspect. T. K. Whelan for the prosecution.

KOWLOON TONG ROBBERY

Ho Kwong-cheung, school teacher of No. 55, Fuk Wah Street, top floor, was sitting with his four sisters, Ho Fung-ling, 18, Ho Fung-ning, 11, Ho Fung-chi, 14, and Ho Fung-fai, 10, on the hillside above Kowloon Tong at 1 p.m. yesterday when three Chinese, each armed with a knife, held them up and robbed Ho Fung-ling of a wrist watch.

Ho Kwong-cheung, in trying to grapple with the men, received stab wounds on his shoulder, left hand and left thigh.

The robbers decamped towards Shamshui-poo.

Ho was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

A chromium-plated watch valued at \$12 and another similar watch with a white metal band, valued at \$15, were taken from two of the girls.

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Much happened during the day, including the actual shooting in cold blood of a Belgian spy, and this took exactly thirty seconds

Evacuation:

"Our orders for evacuation were given by Lieutenant-Colonel Barker, whose name you might have seen in the papers, he having complimented us on our stand.

There is nothing to write about Dunkirk except that nothing in the papers has been in the slightest degree exaggerated, actually rather the reverse.

Even coming across the Channel they had two attempts to bomb us, not forgetting the old Dutch tramp steamer which had her engines blown away. I do not know how many engines she had—anyway, approaching Ramsgate she was completely disengaged and drifted into the pier there.

Air Raids:

"From then onwards, it was nothing but a succession of air raids, some unpleasant, some indifferent; this state of affairs continued until round about May 20, when our camp was bombed completely to destruction.

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Evacuation:

If the Japanese get control of the Indies we shall then obtain our rubber and our tin under whatever terms Japan says we shall get it.

Rubber can be developed on this continent, but it will take time. We can get low grade tin from Bolivia, but it will not provide what we need of this essential element.

Watch the Pacific for future developments.

(Reprinted from the Palaua (Cal.) Argus Courier.)

Newssettes

RETREAT FROM DUNKIRK:

Sapper's Vivid Account Of His Experiences

The following extracts from a letter received in Hongkong by a member of the China Command from a friend who was a survivor of the famous Battle of Flanders, pays eloquent tribute to the gallantry of the British troops during that battle and to the amazing retreat from Dunkirk under the fiercest shelling and bombing by the Germans in the whole of the present hostilities.

The writer is with the Royal Engineers and gives a vivid description of his experiences.

GERMANY - MONSTROUS THREAT TO WORLD LIBERTY ← BRITAIN ONLY BULWARK AGAINST NAZI GOAL

LONDON, AUG. 8 (BWS) — SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC luncheon in London yesterday, the First Lord of the Admiralty said that "by sheer weight of the vast war machine which they have created, the Germans have overrun a large area of Europe and overthrown, for the time being, the great bastion of freedom on the Continent which the French people have maintained for over a century.

This country, as the outpost of the British Commonwealth, and aided by Allied contingents which escaped the successive strokes of the Nazi scythe, now constitutes the only organized bulwark against the creation of a European Police State which is Germany's immediate aim, with the threat which that would involve to other nations overseas.

Only behind this bulwark can the forces be mobilised and organised which will later remove the monstrous threat to liberty which confronts the world.

The Nazis have already enslaved populations and made a desert of several once fertile and flourishing parts of Europe. As they look out across the narrow waters of the Channel to the white cliffs of England they must often wonder what measure of time and effort still separates them from the full achievement of the conquest which would make the countries of the world their tributaries and countless nations their slave markets.

Mr. Alexander went on to tell some of his reasons for believing that the Nazi goal can never be realised.

FORMIDABLE TASK

To establish their domination, the Germans must defeat the British Commonwealth of Nations. Our plan and the measures which we are actually taking provide a

GERMAN RADIO WARNINGS

"EXPLANATION" OF HOBOKEN FIRE

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter) — For some time now, the German radio has been broadcasting warnings about allowing children to play with matches, the dangers of handling petrol carelessly, and so on.

Children always loved to play with matches, and it has always been dangerous to handle petrol carelessly, and so it might be wondered why the German radio has suddenly started to issue such warnings.

CARELESSNESS!

One explanation is that when Germans see fires at a distance, or hear of them, they might remember the radio warnings — think they have been caused by carelessness, and not by bombs dropped by the R.A.F.

A large quantity of petrol at Hoboken, near Antwerp, has gone up in flames.

The official Nazi explanation is that the fire was caused by people smoking cigarettes while collecting petrol that was floating on top of water in a ditch.

There is no official explanation, however, of how the petrol came to be on the water in the ditch.

U.S. Patrol Of Greenland Coast

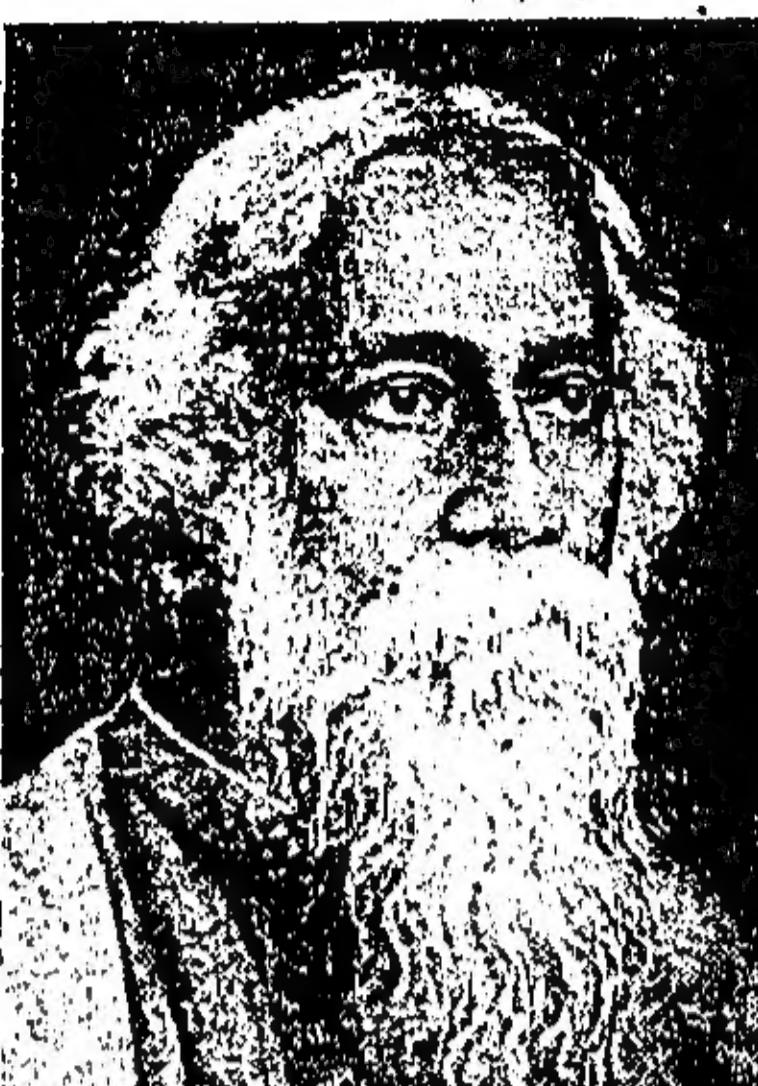
NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (Reuter) — Reports published here that America's patrol of the Greenland coast is being intensified, in order to prevent any attempts by Germany to establish air bases, were denied by the Naval authorities in Washington.

It is stated that there is no protective patrol.

The United States vessels are merely carrying out ice patrols enabling shipping to be warned of position of ice in the summer months and taking supplies to the new United States Consulate.

OTTAWA, Aug. 8 (Reuter) — The Canadian Parliament which has been in session since May 16, has adjourned to November 5.

HONOURED BY OXFORD



Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the 80-year-old Indian poet, who has received the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) from the University of Oxford. Sir Rabindranath was the winner of the Nobel Literature Prize in 1913 and was knighted in June 1915. He is a member of an ancient Bengal family. (See Page 3, Col. 3).

EXAGGERATED CLAIMS

The First Lord said: "Grossly exaggerated enemy claims concerning his attacks on our trade are the measure of what he fondly hopes to gain by this weapon. We are matching it and beating it by unremitting effort and constant development of new methods and new tactical plans for the protection of our convoys."

Regarding mines, he said: "Night after night, mine laying aircraft under the cover of darkness drop their deadly loads in the fairways and estuaries of our ports. Their efforts are supplemented by submarines which furiously sow their minefields off our coast."

"As soon as such minelaying is detected or suspected, the channels affected are closed, shipping is diverted and minesweepers take up their dangerous task."

Mr. Alexander paid a tribute, too, to the resolution, seamanship and endurance of the anti-invasion patrols operating without lights and in all weathers.

THE MEDITERRANEAN

The First Lord had a few words to say on the Mediterranean.

"The problem of the Mediterranean will in future no longer be dependent on the Army authorities but be conducted by civil administrative chiefs acting immediately under him."

The R.A.F. has already nullified very considerably the preparations which the Italians had been making at their bases in East Africa and Eastern Libya.

Italy itself does not remain unscathed. Only last Thursday, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm swept down literally out of the blue on the aerodrome at Cagliari. We know for certain they destroyed four times the number of aircraft which they lost in the course of this operation without taking account of what may have been contained in the four hangars which were hit."

TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

"I gladly pay the Navy's tribute to the incomparable pilots of the Air Force, ever ready to soar into the air to meet and attack the enemy."

In particular, the Navy has cause to be grateful to the crews of the handful of aircraft at Malta who, with unsurpassed resource, resolution and bravery have kept at bay the infinitely superior squadrons of bombers and fighters mustered in Sicily for the destruction of our naval base in the Central Mediterranean."

The First Lord spoke warmly also of the professional skill and devotion of the engineer officers and personnel of the Fleet which kept ships, big and little, at sea day after day, accomplishing countless hours of steaming in all weather with hardly ever a breakdown, and of the unrelaxing and invaluable efforts of training establishments to speed up the training of the new personnel "needed to man the stream of new warships which are all the time coming into service."

Washington Watching Far East

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principles of international law and American national interests."

BURMA ROAD ISSUE

TOKYO, Aug. 8 (Reuter) — Information has been received that traffic in war material, assisting the Chungking regime, is still going on along the Burma Road, a spokesman of the Navy Office stated at a Press conference, according to a Japanese report.

If that was true, it showed that Britain was not keeping her promise faithfully, he added. The spokesman hoped the information was not true and said the situation must be clarified.

The message quoted the announcement made by the Ministry of Communications in Chungking that traffic in goods between Yunnan and Burma was still going on, including medicines and chemicals, though the transportation of these materials had been suspended.

It was pointed out that chemicals come under the category of war materials.

CABLE

RESERVE OF MAN-POWER ENROLMENT

WELLINGTON, Aug. 8 (Reuter) — A proclamation has been issued for enrolment of general reserve of man-power which will be liable for compulsory military service.

Mr. Semple, Minister of National Service, declared that the first division of the reserve will comprise of unmarried men, between the ages of 18 and 45.

Maoris are exempt from the scheme.

BRITISH ACE DECORATED

ENGAGED SEVEN FIGHTERS ALONE

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter) — Among R.A.F. aces announced yesterday was a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal to Flight-Sergeant William Henry Franklin, former laboratory assistant in eastern London, who shot down ten enemy aircraft and assisted in destroying further two.

On one occasion he encountered seven fighters, engaged five and destroyed one.

HID IN WOODS FOR DAYS

Nazi Airman Gives Himself Up

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter) — It is learned that the lady to whom the Nazi airman surrendered yesterday was Lady Buckland, widow of Lord Buckland.

The airman emerged from a wood looking very dishevelled and could speak only a few words of English. He indicated by dumb gestures to show how he baled out of a plane and that he was afraid to surrender because he expected to be killed immediately.

It transpires that the authorities arrested two other airmen who baled out of a plane and had been searching for this man for the past nine days.

GAULEITERS APPOINTED

ARMY AUTHORITIES SUPERSEDED

BERLIN, Aug. 8 (Reuter) — Indications of Hitler's plans in regard to the adoption of Alsace, Lorraine and Luxembourg into the Reich are contained in two decrees issued by him yesterday whereby the entire administration of Alsace, Lorraine and Luxembourg will in future no longer be dependent on the Army authorities but be conducted by civil administrative chiefs acting immediately under him.

Joseph Buerckel, Robert Wagner and Gustav Simon have been appointed Gauleiters for Lorraine, Alsace and Luxembourg respectively. Baldur von Schirach, Hitler Youth Leader, becomes Gauleiter for Vienna in place of Buerckel.

Equatorial Africa (originally divided into three colonies, but with a single administrative unit since 1934) becomes a federated colony.

The colony of Mauritania (hitherto one of the eight colonies in French West Africa) will no longer have its own Governor and retain its autonomy, but will be placed under the authority of the Governor of Senegal.

Dakar and its dependencies, also among the colonies of French West Africa, will be under the authority of the Governor of Senegal, but will be administered by a Government official.

This reform, it is stated, completes the decree of June 26 by which unity and command are established in French West and Central Africa.

RHODESIAN AIRMEN WELCOMED

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter) — More Empire troops have arrived in Britain. The latest is the first contingent of South Rhodesian airmen, most of them in the twenties and from all walks of life, who have arrived to take part in the battle for Britain.

In a message of welcome, the Secretary of State for Dominions, Viscount Cadogan, said that Southern Rhodesia is already making a splendid contribution to the common cause.

"In the early days of the war they have been in West Africa, East Africa and the Middle East. It is a great encouragement to us now to have you with us here in the Home country," he concluded.

No indication is given whether fresh coupons would be issued.

INDO-CHINA LATEST: JAPAN, FRENCH CONSULS HAVE NO INFORMATION ON ALLEGED DEMANDS

Interview by a representative of the Hongkong Daily Press, the French Consul stated he had no information on the alleged Japanese demands on Indo-China. He denied knowledge of Japanese naval concentrations off the Kwangchowwan coast and said all he knew was what he had read in the local Press.

The Consul admitted that Commander Castex was in the Colony and had departed.

It is understood that Commander Castex represented the Governor-General of Indo-China and, while in Hongkong, was in consultation with British officials, including H.E. the G.O.C.

Asked as to the present status of the French Consulate, the Consul stated that he maintains connections with the French Consulate in Shanghai, and that the position of the local Consulate was unchanged.

NO COMMUNICATION

Mr. K. Okazaki, the Japanese Consul-General, told a representative of the Hongkong Daily Press that he had received no official communication regarding the alleged Japanese Fleet concentrations off Kwangchowwan and the negotiations between Japan and France on the Indo-China question, nor had he any information about the alleged Japanese demands on Indo-China.

NO GRAVE DANGER

Regarding the situation in French Indo-China competent Chinese observers here are of the opinion that the Japanese Government is now only sending up a trial balloon and that Indo-China will not be in grave danger of being invaded in the very near future.

But the same circles fear that the Indo-China authorities may compromise in the negotiations since the dynamiting of all railway and highway bridges along the Kuanxiang and Yunnan frontiers indicates that the French authorities refuse any help from China.

Should the Japanese occupy Indo-China by force Chinese

ECONOMIC FRONT FOR TOTAL WAR

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Then it might be possible for Ministers to give, in more completely worked out form, the general system which they were gradually bringing into being over the wide sphere of our national economy.

If the enemy hopes he can starve us out he is very greatly mistaken. Starvation of the people of this country is impossible. Nothing could be more emphatic than that."

Concluding, Mr. Greenwood declared: "Looking ahead it might be necessary to reduce the rate of intake of commodities which are not indispensable. We must use our ship-borne trade for the national cause and public good.

HOUSE ASSURED

"The House won't expect me to give exact details of the great increases in military production during recent weeks, but I can assure members that very great strides have been made in speeding up the production of aircraft and army equipment. Great strides have been made and greater strides will be made."

"There are shortages of certain materials etc., and we must reckon on difficulties arising from the bombing of factories, foundries, and shipyards, and the mining of ports and the sinking of ships. But in spite of all this, there is no real cause for dismay. The monstrously swollen German Reich is already largely beleaguered. It has only limited external supplies, while we can stretch across the seas where the treasures of the world lie and bring them to our shores, and we are assured of the active help of free peoples, and the supplies of the New World to reinforce our own efforts."

IMPORTANT PARLEY

Following an important conference on Monday, the Chinese Government authorities have decided to carry out plans for defence in the event that Indo-China is invaded by the Japanese.

The report states that a high Chinese military commander revealed yesterday about 300,000 crack Chinese troops were being stationed along the Yunnan, Kwangsi and Indo-China borders and necessary military preparations along these areas had been completed.

Mr. Shinwell declared that according to a reliable estimate Germany has 780,000 men and women training for industry, while we had 28,000 trainees and envisaged 40,000 being trained this year.

Mr. Shinwell proceeded to talk about unemployment and under-employment in Britain and suggested that instead of allowing miners to remain unemployed the Government might finance the building up of huge stocks of coal, or divert the miners into the war industries. He also suggested that in order to meet a German attack on shipping, docks and harbours on the west coast should be improved and in order to develop a large export trade, manufacturers and export companies should finance it. Individual effort modified or replaced by a full-blooded system of collective production.

Mr. Shinwell added that we could not rely too much on the United States who might be embroiled in a war with Japan. It was better to assume that we must rely on ourselves and to organise accordingly.

ECONOMIC REGIME

Sir George Schuster (National Liberal) said that Mr. Greenwood's account was not very convincing and he urged that the first step should be to establish a central directing authority, and that we should aim with the American countries to build up a satisfactory economic regime for the war period to give the inhabitants of these countries a satisfactory basis of life, and to deny to their enemies what they need.

FATSHAN CASE

Continued from Page 1. The affair was quite simple though there were several distorted versions of it.

BETWEEN SETTLED

Aided by a Hongkong Daily Press representative regarding the progress of the Fatshan negotiations, the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Okazaki, replied that the matter was being settled in a friendly manner and that the ship may be expected to sail in a few days.

Thereafter "witnesses" will be examined and individual documents framed.

Ban On Use Of Petrol Coupons

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter) — The Germans have placed a ban on the use of petrol coupons in Holland and all coupons already issued, are to be returned to the authorities.

"It is a great encouragement to us now to have you with us here in the Home country," he concluded.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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THE Undersigned have received instructions

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AUCTIONEERS.

5 JUDGES SAVE SOLDIER'S HOME

Writ Against His Wife An Abuse'

Five Lords Justice sat in the Court of Appeal recently to consider the case of Mrs. Nevitt, wife of sergeant serving in the Army, against whom the Temperance Permanent Building Society sought possession of a house mortgaged by her husband. The court set aside all proceedings in the case.

Mr. Justice Farwell, in the Chancery Division, had refused to make the order asked for, and an appeal from his decision had been adjourned so that the matter might come before a full court. This consisted of Lords Justice Scott, MacKinnon, Clauson, Luxmoore and Goddard.

Mr. A. T. Denning, K.C., for the building society, explained that the writ, relating to a house at Hayes, Middlesex, was served on Mrs. Nevitt, but the society recognised that to get her out the leave of the court must be obtained under the Courts ("Emergency Powers") Act.

Three monthly instalments of £3 7s. on a £570 mortgage were in arrear. Mrs. Nevitt had entered no appearance, added counsel.

Lord Justice Clauson: You deliberately issued the writ against the wife instead of against the husband, the mortgagor.

Mr. Denning: But not with any object of taking the matter outside the control of the court.

"GREAT GRAVITY"

Lord Justice Scott: I regard this with great gravity. An allegation has been put on the writ, saying, in effect, that a person not authorised by the mortgagor was in possession of the house. That, in my opinion, was a dishonest statement.

Lord Justice Scott: A wife is rightfully in possession, especially when her husband is away serving his country. It is a dreadful thing to have happened.

Lord Justice Clauson said that any suggestion that Mr. Nevitt had abandoned his house because he had left the house to serve his country was startling and revolting.

Lord Justice Scott, in giving judgment, said that in his view the issue of the writ was an abuse of the process of the court, because the mortgagor was not made a defendant and because the defendant chosen was the mortgagor's wife. The allegation that she was unlawfully in possession of the house was monstrous.

"If any person in the world can be in lawful possession on behalf of the mortgagor it is the mortgagor's wife," declared the Lord Justice.

Mrs. Nevitt had not entered an appearance, he added. She probably thought it was so ridiculous to describe her as being unlawfully in possession that she took no notice.

The other Lords Justice concurred.

S'HAI COAL MERCHANTS BUY WINTER STOCKS

BUT NO SHORTAGE ANTICIPATED

It is reported that in order to increase further the ready stocks of coal in Shanghai so as to guard against possible shortage during the winter season, coal merchants here have placed big orders for coal with mining companies in India and other places, says the North China Daily News.

The report indicates that the coal situation here is definitely improving, as people do not use much coal during the summer.

READY STOCKS

Despite the fact that there are ample ready stocks in various godowns, coal merchants are not taking chances with a possible shortage in the future and, taking the opportunity of favourable foreign exchange rates they are said to have ordered about \$1,000,000 worth of coal. The cargo is expected to arrive here in October, amounting in all to about 100,000 tons, it is stated.

During the past month, local coal merchants imported \$5,140,000 worth of coal. The cargo amounted to 180,000 tons. Most of the coal arrived here from India, with Annam and Formosa ranking next in importance in that respect.

DROP IN PRICE

With prices of coal dropping, the Coal Merchants Association appears to be ever ready to stretch out a helping hand to several hundred boiled water shops here on which numerous Chinese depend for the supply of drinking water. Commencing yesterday, local coal shops began to sell cheap coal to those shops. Each shop, however, is allowed to buy only one ton and the sale will be closed tomorrow.

JUDGE HAUSERMANN

Judge Haussmann told the foreign trade convention delegates

GREAT FOLLY

He added "President Quezon no

doubt will deny it, but he never

favoured independence even when

he was howling for it. He thinks

a small group of Americans who

are over there (in the Philippines),

and who know better, will make

people see what a great folly

withdrawing from the Philippines.

Judge Haussmann told the foreign trade convention delegates

DENOUNCES

CHUNGKING TRANSFER OF LAND

It is reported by the leading Chinese dailies in Shanghai (quoting information from Hongkong) that Mr. O. K. Yui, former Kuomintang Mayor of Greater Shanghai, has petitioned and secured

approval from the Executive Yuan of the Chinese government at Chungking in regard to retaliation against the handing over of land documents by the Shanghai Municipal Council to the Shanghai Special Municipality, the new Chinese city regime.

All transfers of property and property registration with the new regime here are declared null and void, it is stated.

EXECUTIVE YUAN'S ORDERS

It is further stated that the

Executive Yuan has also ordered

the Ministry of Finance to require

all Chinese banks and real estate

firms to refuse to accept property

mortgages in which the surrender

of documents are used.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

is said to have notified the Powers,

concerned, protesting against the

transfer of the land documents

which were given to the Council

by Mr. O. K. Yui for safe keeping

prior to the withdrawal of Chinese

officials and troops from Shanghai.

NO CHARGES

It will be recalled that soon

after the documents had been

handed over to the new Chinese

authorities here through the

Japanese, the new city regime

announced its wish to register all

property dealings here.

EVERYTHING READY

What the raiders found out

about Nazi preparations to cross

the Channel, the British War Office

kept to itself. But the British

east coast, from Berwick-on-

Tweed on the Scottish border

around to Hastings on the Chan-

nel, where William the Conqueror

conquered, was proclaimed a de-

fence zone and its inhabitants

packed up.

Britain's bathing beaches be-

came a barbed-wire front. A huge

fleet of fishing craft to transport

troops in small groups was reported

being assembled by the Germans

along the Norwegian, Dutch,

Belgian and French coasts.

WRONG METHODS

In connection with the wrong

methods of using capital, it is

pointed out that speculation has

caused merchants to divert attention

from their original line of

business.

It is further pointed out that

even Chinese hotels, restaurants

which have been enjoying a boom

business, are not doing so well

these days. The banker explains

that all these show that "consum-

ing prosperity" will not last long.

over 100 of them formed the

Shanghai Youth Service Corps

and set out for Chungking while

others returned to the enemy

occupied areas to undertake war-

time service.

GENERAL

Independence Of P.I. Pres: Quezon Contradicts U.S. Judge's Statement

President Quezon, on Aug. 1, contradicted a statement attributed to Judge John W. Haussmann in a speech in San Francisco before the National Foreign Trade Council that he is not for independence.

The speech was reported in an Associated Press Dispatch on Aug. 1.

"I do not believe Judge Haussmann said that, unless he has gone crazy," an authorized statement from the President said. says the Manila Bulletin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—A statement that Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon does not favour independence for the Philippines, was made here Wednesday by Judge John W. Haussmann as he addressed the convention of the National Foreign Trade Council.

MONROE DOCTRINE

The Judge, who is in the United States on a combined business-pleasure visit, pointed out that under the original American Monroe Doctrine European powers were permitted to retain their existing colonial possessions in the western hemisphere. He added that some of the possessions were fortified without drawing objections from the United States.

EXCLUSIVE STORY

The Associated Press San Francisco bureau confirmed today that the judge made the remarks attributed to him. He made the statement about President Quezon

MALAYA'S TRADE LOOKING UP

The phenomenal increase in Malaya's trade (both export and import), is revealed in the detailed trade statistics for the first five months of this year, just published. The main features are:

A 65 per cent. increase in Malaya's gross trade compared with the corresponding five months of last year;

A 50 per cent. increase in imports;

A 77 per cent. increase in exports.

Larger imports from the United Kingdom despite the war; and

Increased trade with British India, the increase being more pronounced in imports than exports.

The gross trade (exports and imports) of Malaya for the first five months of 1940 amounted to \$832.57 million as against \$507.80 million in the corresponding period of the previous year—a tribute to the British Navy that the shipping routes of the world are still kept intact from enemy incursions.

Imports in the same period amounted to \$362.35 million compared with the 1939 figure of \$242.28 million. The United Kingdom share amounted to (in May) \$11.57 million—an increase of about \$2.87 million on the May, 1939, figure. The fact that trade is not only being maintained but even increased, though a large section of British factories are engaged in arms production, is a most significant one.

Exports totalled \$470.21 million as against \$265.51 million last year—mainly due to increased shipments of tin and rubber.

Indian purchases from Malaya in May amounted to \$3.75 million showing an increase of nearly \$940.000 on May, 1939. But our imports from India in the same month totalled \$2.20 million compared with \$1.37 million in May last year.

The balance of trade in favour of Malaya which stood at barely \$13 million had risen to over \$100 million by the end of May this year. If production and export are maintained at this level, as of course there is every reason to expect they will be, the balance of trade favourable to Malaya by the end of this year will be in the neighbourhood of \$220 million.

POSTAGE TARIFF INCREASE

KUNMING, Aug. 8 (Central)—A general increase in domestic postage tariff is under consideration and the rate of increase has not as yet been decided, according to Mr. Kuo Hsin-sung, Director General of Posts.

Mr. Kuo said any proposal to increase the postage tariff would have to be approved by the Executive Yuan and passed by the Legislative Yuan, and reports that the question has been settled are all premature.

The closure of the French-Indochina and the Burma routes, Mr. Kuo said, should not affect mails to and from China, as according to international law mail facilities should be extended to all Postal Union places not within actual war zone.

At the interview he deplored the lack of interest shown by the public in the family loaf. He expressed surprise that after a certain amount of publicity, people whom he met should tell him they had heard nothing about the family bread.

The suspension of the money order service in North China, he said, was because of the lack of demand in North China for money order facilities on the rear provinces.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

		T HURSDAY 8 AUG.					
Buyer	Sellers	Date	Nominal	Buyer	Sellers	Date	Nominal
			Banks		C.D.	\$1180	
			H.K. Banks			\$26	
			Do. (Col. Reg.)			\$22	
			Do. (Lon. Reg.)			\$21	
			Chartered Banks			\$21	
			Mercantile Bks. "A"			\$20	
			Mercantile Bks. "C"			\$11	
			Bank of East Asia			\$73	
			N. C. & S. Banks			50 ct	
			Insurances				
			Canton Insurances				
			Union Insurances				
			Underwriters				
			H.K. Fire				
			Shipping				
			Douglas				
			Steamboats				
			Indo-Chinas (Pref.)				
			Indo-Chinas (Def.)				
			Shells				
			Waterboards				
			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
			H.K. & K. Wharves				
			Providents				
			H.K. Docks (Old)				
			H.K. Docks (New)				
			+Shanghai Docks				
			Mining				
			Kailans				
			Ranbu				
			Hong Kong Mines				
			Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
			H.K. & S. Hotels				
			H.K. Lands				
			Do. 4% Debentures				
			Shanghai Lands				
			H.K. Railways				
			Lumphrys				
			Chinese Estates				
			Cotton Mills				
			Ewa (S.)				
			Shai Cotton (S.)				
			Zoong Sing (S.)				
			Wing On Textiles (S.)				
			Public Utilities				
			H.K. Tramways				
			Park Trams (old)				
			Park Trams (new)				
			Star Ferries				
			Ymati Ferries				
			China Lights (O.)				
			China Lights (New)				
			H.K. Electric (Old)				
			H.K. Electric (New)				
			Macao Electric (Old)				
			Macao Electric (New)				
			Sandakan Lights				
			Telephones (old)				
			Telephones (new)				
			S'pore Tractions (Ord.)				
			Industrials				
			Caid. Mag. (Ord.) S.				
			Caid. Mag. (Pref.) S.				
			Canton Icos				
			Cements				
			H.K. Expos				
			H.K. Govt. Loans				
			4% Loan				
			34% " (1924)				
			34% " (1940)				
			Miscellaneous				
			Dairy Farms				
			Entertainments				
			Constructions (old)				
			Constructions (new)				
			Lane Crawfords				
			Nanyang Tobacco				
			Sinceres				
			Watson				
			Ch. G. 5% 1925G3Bds.				
			H.K. Wing On				
			S'pore Wing On				
			Vibro Filing				
			Maramnas Inv. (Lon.)				
			Maramnas Inv. (H.K.)				
			Won Powells				
			Wells to Shanghai				

FINANCE

Finance and Commerce

PRICE OF FAMILY BREAD TO REMAIN UNCHANGED IN SHANGHAI

MANY ENQUIRIES MADE

There will be no increase in the price of the family bread for the present following recent talks between the Council's price investigation office and bakers in the Settlement who agreed to postpone their recent request to the Council for an increase in the price of the bread, says the North China Daily News.

The request was coincident with the rise in the price of Chinese flour.

MANY INQUIRIES

Numerous enquiries have been received by the Council for more information about the family bread, following the publication recently in the North China Daily News of an interview with a Council official regarding the family loaf, an official of the investigation office stated yesterday.

The official disclosed that at the meeting few days ago with a representative of the Council,

the bakers persisted in their request for an increase in the price of family bread, pointing out that the prevailing price of \$15 per bag of Chinese flour was still more than at the time the price of bread was fixed.

In the negotiations with the Council a fortnight ago the bakers agreed to wait until the end of July when an official of the Council pointed out the price of flour might drop to such an appreciable extent that any increase in the price of the bread would not be justified.

As anticipated, the price of flour showed a considerable decline.

COAL PRICES DOWN

The Council pointed out to the bakers at the recent meeting that there has also been a decline in the price of coal, an important factor in the baking of bread.

The official stated that it would be inopportune at the moment to increase the price of the family bread, which is now selling at 38 cents a pound. He reiterated a statement made by him formerly that the bakers on the whole, had been most considerate in promptly replying to all requests of the Council for information and in agreeing not to increase the bread price immediately.

NO CHANGE

He went on to say that no change in the price of the bread was likely to take place for some time, unless there were an increase in the price of commodities essential to the baking of bread.

The official went on to express the hope that the public would eat more of the bread and gave his assurance that the Council would see to it that they got all the supplies they need. The quality of the bread was standard, he said, pointing out that the Council had not received a single complaint about it.

SOUTH JOHORE PLANTERS

A well-attended meeting was held in the Johore Civil Service Club to inaugurate the South Johore District Planters' Association.

Mr. W. Miller MacKay, who convened the meeting, said that the object of forming district associations was that the general committee should receive authentic information regarding the conditions obtaining in each district.

The following officers were elected:—Chairman.—Mr. J. S. Foley; Vice-Chairman.—Mr. H. E. McKenzie; hon. secretary.—Mr. R. B. Perkins; committee.—Messrs. R. A. Coles, C. Ritchie, A. S. Boyd, H. V. H. Fery and M. Namba.

RECONSTRUCTION OF YUNNAN

KUNMING, Aug. 8 (Central)—Since his arrival here, Mr. Tan Kah-tee, the noted Chinese industrialist in Singapore and leader of the Chinese Comfort Mission from the South Seas, has been busy inspecting reconstruction enterprises and has taken a trip to Hsikuan, south of Tai.

He called on General Lung Yun Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, yesterday afternoon.

HONGKONG SHARE BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Aug. 8 1940

H.K. Electrics (O) ... 100 \$37.00

H.K. Electrics (N) ... 83 35.75

H.K. Tramways ... 300 15.50

H.K. Lands ... 1,000 31.00

H.K. Hotels ... 1,000 3.20

2,083
The total value is \$19,217.25.

NEW PAPER MILL IN SZECHUAN

CHENGDU, Aug. 8 (Central)—The paper mill established in Kuahsien in west Szechuan by Mr. Shun Pei-sha is manufacturing paper of high quality successfully.

Samples will be brought by Mr. Shun to Chengdu for exhibition.

Government Commission

BRITAIN TO BUY EGYPTIAN COTTON

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter)—

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

AUGUST 8, 1940.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer:	12 7/4
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1 3 1/2	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	385
On Singapore:	
On demand	62 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	94
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 1/2
and demand	
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 22 1/4	
Credits 60 days' sight 23 1/2	
On Batavia:	
On demand	41 1/2
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand 1085	
Credits 4 months' sight 1160	
On Saigon:	
On demand	68 1/4
On Manila:	
On demand	44 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	149 1/3
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	1/5
Bar Silver per oz.	23.1/2

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 8 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening
London	0/3-5/8
New York	5 1/2
Japan	23-3/8
Paris	20N
Hongkong	24
Sterling	
Sellers	
Opening	
Spot	0/3-45/64 0/3-23/32
Aug.	0/3-45/64 0/3-23/32
Sept.	0/3-45/64 0/3-45/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	\$5-17/32 \$5-9/10
Aug.	5-17/32 5-17/32
Sept.	5-15/32 5-1/2
Market:	Uncertain.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1 2/12d.

The Equalisation rate was 19 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Aug. 7 (Reuter). Govt. 34% Rupee, 90-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Aug. 7 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 82-7/8.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Aug. 7 (Reuter). Silver: Bears covering. Very small offers. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-15/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Aug. 7 (Reuter). Market: Quiet but steady. Offer take 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-04 Aug. 28 Settlement 63-03 Sept. 25 Settlement 63-03

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Aug. 7 (Reuter).

July 26 Aug. 2

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department) 20,378 26,287 Rupees Coin and Bullion in India 3,827 3,755 Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4,441 4,441 Securities (Indian Government) 4,950 4,960 Securities (British Government) 13,160 13,160

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, August 8 (Reuter). The Stock Exchange was generally easier on lack of support though no selling pressure was noted.

There was a hesitance due to the Easter development but it was noteworthy that Egyptian bonds remained firm throughout the session.

Gilt-edged and most industrials were fractionally easier and Oils were inactive.

Wall Street was steady.

PAYNE & CO. COMMODITY BROKERS STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, August 7, 1940.

Previous August 7 Close Opening Closing Change
Buyers Buyers Buyers Buyers
SPOT 37 1/4 37 1/4 37 cts. off 1/4
OCT./DEC. 35 5/8 35 5/8 35 1/2 off 1/8
JAN./MAR. 33 1/4 33 1/4 33 1/5 unch.

The market was dull.

Previous close Today's close
buyers buyers Change
LONDON RUBBER 13 1/8 up 1/16

SPOT 12 15/16 up 1/16

SEPTEMBER 12 11/16 up 1/16

OCT.-DEC. 11 1/8 up 1/8

JAN./MARCH 11 7/8 up 1/16

APRIL-JUNE 11 45/16 up 1/16

Market steady. Little short-covering.

NEW YORK COTTON: The market is generally a waiting affair. Moderate trade buying is absorbing hedge sales and scattered pro-bureau report liquidation.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Demand for physicals has been slow but the shipment position remains tight.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Prices rallied in sympathy with the Corn market.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 125.27; Today's close, 125.12; Change, off .15.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Oct.	9.35	9.28	9.34	9.32	.02 off
New York Rubber, Sept.	19.50	19.45	19.65	19.45	.21 off
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	741	733	741	741	1 up
Chicago Corn, Sept.	62	60	60	61	.12 up
New York Hides, Sept.	8.85	8.80	8.90	8.88	.02 off

NEW YORK COTTON: Close Opening Closing Change

Oct. (New contract) 9.34/34 9.35/34 9.32/33 .02 off

December 9.25/25 9.25/25 9.21/21 .04 off

January 9.14 N 9.125/14a 9.10n .04 off

March 9.05/05 9.04/04 9.02/02 .03 off

May 8.85/85 8.84/84 8.82/82 .03 off

July 8.84 N 8.82b/64a 8.59/59 .05 off

Spot 10.06 N 10.02n .04 off

Total sales Tuesday: 41,200 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

September 19.66b/70a 19.63b/75a 19.45/50 .21 off

December 19.26/26 19.25b/30a 19.05/07 .21 off

January 19.15 N unquoted 18.99n .16 off

March 18.88 N 18.92b/19.08a 18.86n .12 off

May 18.83 N 18.71n .12 off

Total sales: 250 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

September 741/744 741/744 741/744 1 up

December 751/754 751/754 751/754 1 up

Tuesday's sales: 14,245,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

September 60/60 60/60 61/61 14 up

December 55/56 56/56 57/57 14 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

October 731a 731a 731a unch.

December 741a — 741a unch.

NEW YORK HIDES

September 8.90/90 8.75b/90a 8.88b/92a .02 off

December 9.05/06 9.00/00 9.05/08 unch.

Total sales for the day: 88 contracts.

New York Official 34-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 395

LIBBY-Owens-Ford Glass 393-3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Aug. 7 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

London, Aug. 8.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952) 992

London-K'loon Rly. 5% 6

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 30

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925-47 35

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan 1908 44

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 13

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. 1a) 18

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 0

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% 11

Loan 40

Honan Rly. 5% 9

Hukiang Rly. 5% 1911 12

(L.P. N.Y. Issue) 12

Hukang Rly. 5% 1911 5

(German Issue) 11

Lung Tsing & U. Ha! Rly. 5% 1913 8

Shui-Ning Rly. 5% 12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 8

(Brit. Spd.) 8

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Spd.) 8

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Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Spd. Supl. Loan) 8

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Spd. Supl. Loan) 8

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 234

Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 42

Chartered Bank 62

H.K. & Sh'Al Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 62

H.K. & Sh'Al Bank (Col. Reg.) 65

Chinese Eng. & Mining 16

Chosen Corporation 4

Pekin Syndicate 2

Sh'Al Elec. Comfr. Co. 15

Sh'Al Waterworks "A" 13

Union Insurance 20

Gulf Kalimpong Rubber 13/8

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HUSMI MARU Wednesday, 21st Aug.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila. Wednesday, 28th Aug.
KAMO MARU Wednesday, 28th Aug.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo. Wednesday, 14th Aug.
OKITU MARU Wednesday, 14th Aug.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore Sunday, 11th Aug.
NAGATO MARU Wednesday, 14th Aug.
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MISADVENTURE VERDICTS IN SHIP DEATHS

At the inquiry into the deaths of Mr. P. J. C. Ebbenhout (40), chief officer, and Mr. D. Offenburg (20), chief steward, who were gassed in the freezing chamber of a steamer on the morning of July 17, it was ascertained that the presence of gas in the chamber was due to a fire which started in the insulation.

"The origin of the fire, however, remains a mystery," remarked the acting Singapore coroner, Mr. Walter MacQuarrie. A verdict of death by misadventure was returned in both cases.

Smoke was first discovered belching from the freezing chamber by the ship's baker, Mr. Rein Lentert Woeltz, who entered the chamber to get provisions. He reported his discovery and three men, Mr. P. J. C. Ebbenhout, chief officer of the ship, Mr. D. Offenburg, chief steward, and Mr. G. Danenhuizing, second officer, entered the chamber.

THE RESCUE

Mr. L. G. Veltman, quartermaster of the steamer, later entered the chamber and hauled up the chief officer and the second officer with the aid of a rope. When he was about to haul up the chief steward, he felt exhausted and had to be hauled up himself.

The chief steward was brought up to the deck by Mr. E. T. Wickel, chief engineer of another ship lying nearby, who went down into the chamber with the aid of an oxygen apparatus.

The second officer recovered, but the chief officer and the chief steward died.

Mr. Richard Lowery, naval architect and supervisor of construction works done on ships for the Admiralty, said that at about 8.30 that morning, he was summoned on board the ship. He was told that a few persons had been gassed. No mention of fire was made, but somebody said that the fire brigade had been sent for.

THICK SMOKE

Mr. Lowery said that he went to the companionway and noticed a thick whitish-green smoke issuing from the hatch.

"I suspected that burning had taken place in the freezing insulation," he said.

"I tried to find out where the fire had begun. I made an examination of the roof of the cooling room from which smoke was issuing, but nowhere could I feel any heat."

Mr. Lowery said that he had seen a lot of insulation in many ships. "The insulation on this ship is the worst I have seen," he remarked. "The shape itself is peculiar," he added.

Mr. Lowery said that the fire could have been started by a man who absent-mindedly placed a cigarette end in the chamber.

FLOATING MINE

A floating mine is reported by the Naval Authorities to have been seen at Lat. 29° 26' N., long. 122° 27' E., at 0433 G.M.T. on Aug. 6, 1940.

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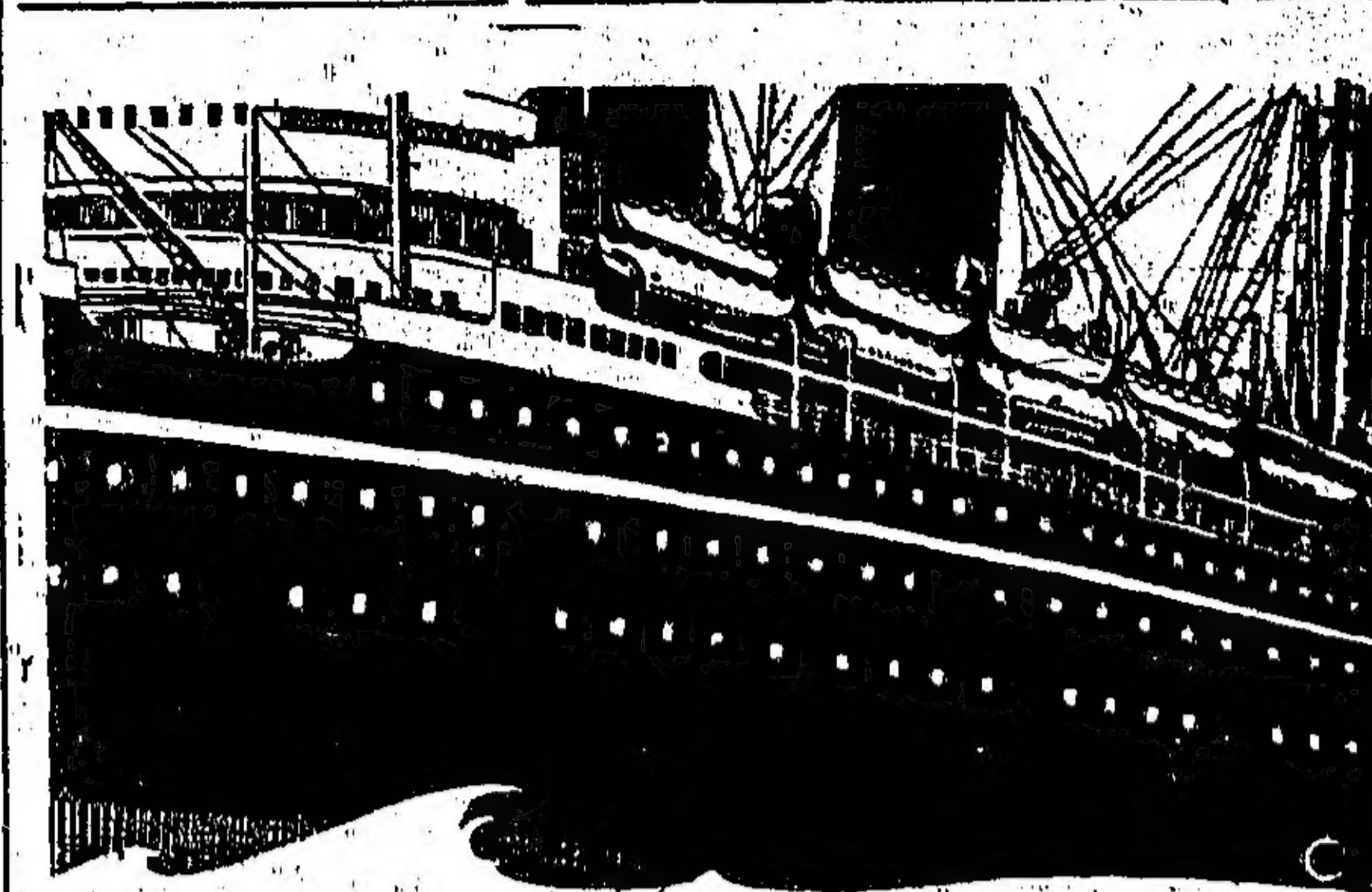
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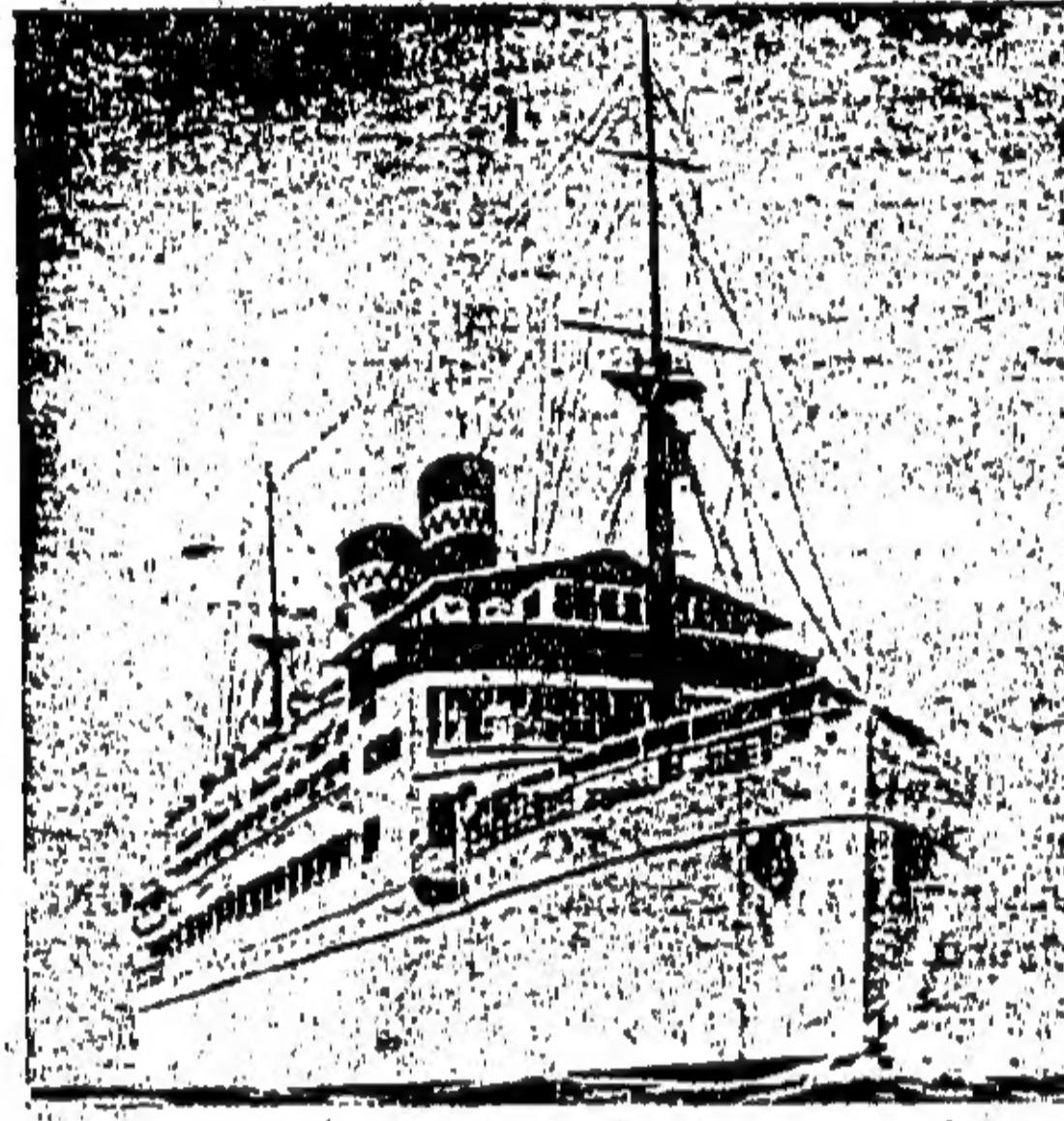
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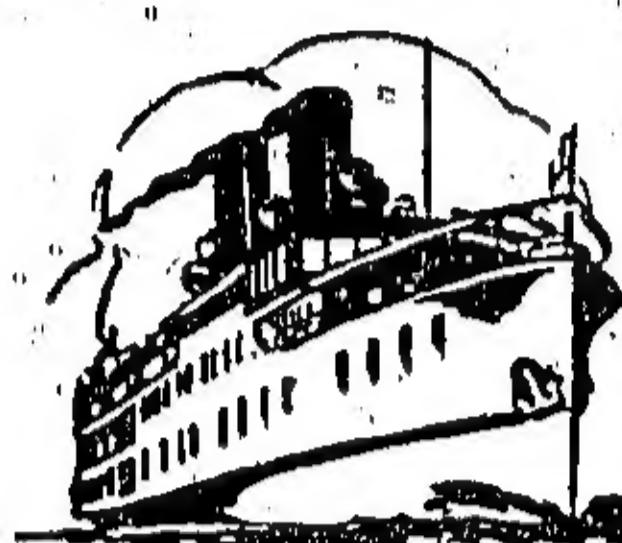
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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th Aug., 1940, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W.R. LOXLEY & Co. (CHINA) Ltd., Agents, Hung Kong, 3rd August, 1940.

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Mr. Cudahy: European Famine: Daily Express

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The statement by Mr. Cudahy, U.S. Ambassador to Brussels, about the horrible famine that will overtake Europe this winter is commented on by the London Daily Express.

Mr. Cudahy says the paper is an honest observer, but one must consider very carefully his hope that means will be found to send food to the Belgian people or the position

It is possible, says the Daily Express, that some Americans might blame the British blockade for this famine—but the fact is that the refugees cannot return to harvest their crops because the German won't let them.

LABOURERS BARRED

Germany keeps the labourers from the farms and food from the Belgians," the paper goes on.

The Nazis have taken the stocks of food away to feed their own army, and any food sent to Belgium from the United States will go the same way.

"We have only one guarantee against this—a Nazi promise!"—the paper concludes.

LONDON STANDPOINT

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—While authoritative London circles still maintain their previous standpoint that acute local food shortages in Europe this winter may become a distinct possibility, they assert if such a famine should occur it would inevitably be a direct consequence of the Nazi inability properly to distribute supplies of food-stuffs which they themselves always claimed to hold in reserve and that only the Nazi rapacity and inability to maintain proper communications can be blamed.

Official Nazi statements have repeatedly emphasised that huge food reserves are held by Germany and

DIRECTOR - GENERAL OF INFORMATION

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—Sir Kenneth Read, Director-General of the Ministry of Information, has resigned.

He will be succeeded by Sir Frank Pick, formerly a member of the London Passenger Transport Board.

FLEET AIR ARM

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them in a terrific dogfight in the outer layers of a cloud.

She sank in about half an hour, going down stern first with her colours flying, one of the crew having hoisted the British ensign.

MOTORBOAT OVERTURNS

The lives were lost when a motorboat overturned in the choppy sea.

Some of the survivors were in lifeboats for hours.

A New York report states that the Accra was sunk when three days out of a British port.

CAPTAIN INTERVIEWED

Captain John Joseph Smith, the master of the Accra, told an interviewer that the officers and crew displayed great courage and coolness after the explosion and in the rescue operations they might have been quenching up people for a cinema show so quietly and coolly did they go about the work of marshalling those aboard.

Captain Smith added that the passengers were at luncheon when the torpedo exploded, and they fled out of the dining-room in orderly fashion.

There was an abundance of room in the lifeboats and most of the loss of life was due to the overturning of the motorboat and direct hits on the liner.

The men in the lifeboats sang "There'll always be an England" when on their way to the rescuing ships.

NO PANIC

A steward who has been torpedoed four times, including the Lusitania and the Yorkshire, said the torpedo hit them amidships and shook the ship from stem to stern.

There was not a trace of panic among the passengers and the crew behaved marvellously. None of them saw the submarine, but they understood that at least one was sunk a few hours later.

MASSAWA RAIDED

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—Successful air raids were made on Massawa by R.A.F. bombers.

Direct hits were scored on a submarine, naval vessel and quay.

A raid on Bardia resulted in damage to shipping and buildings. One of our flying boats was shot down in the Tobruk area.

Italian bombers approached the Malta area today but they turned back before our fighters could engage them.

NAIROBI

NAIROBI, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—Yesterday's communiqué states:

"Two enemy aircraft bombed Nairobi without success. They were pursued by our fighter aircraft. Hits were registered on one enemy machine. Both escaped in the clouds."

CHINESE TUNGOL FOR AMERICA

SHANGHAI, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—The United States has decided to

dispatch a fleet of ocean-going steamers to Rangoon, Indo-China

and Kwangchowwan for the purpose of transporting to the United States large quantities of Chinese tungoil, bristles, amomum, ore and weaving fibres, says a report to the Tsinweiwanpo.

SHANGHAI BISHOP THREATENED

SHANGHAI, Aug. 8 (Reuter)

Terrorists were active again here early today, three kidnappers in two hours claiming four Chinese victims.

At least one case is known to be political.

Two Chinese were kidnapped from a hotel in the Settlement.

Bishop John, head of the Russian Church here, is the latest foreigner to receive a threatening message.

VATICAN AGREEMENT SIGNED**PORTUGAL TO CEDE CHURCH PROPERTY**

LONDON, August 8 (Reuter)—

According to Rome Radio, an agreement had been signed between the Vatican and Portugal whereby Church property, taken over by the State in 1910 and now under its control, will be returned by Portugal to the Church.

Under another clause, marriages taking place in Catholic Churches in Portugal will in future be legal without an additional civil ceremony hitherto required by the State.

LOYANG, Aug. 8 (Central)—Following several days' inclement weather, a cold wave suddenly swept over here this morning and was followed by a snowstorm which raged for one hour.

DEMPSTER LINER SUNK BY TORPEDO: HIT AMIDSHIPS

LONDON, AUG. 8 (REUTER)—THE ELDER DEMPSTER LINER, ACCRA, HAS BEEN SUNK OFF THE WEST COAST OF EIRE. OVER 450 SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN LANDED AT A NORTH-WEST ENGLISH PORT.

First reports on the disaster suggested that there were 25 persons missing, but latest official figures show that only eight members of the crew and eleven passengers are missing, presumed drowned. The Admiralty states that there were no children in the ship.

KARELO-FINNISH REPUBLIC

MOSCOW, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—

Otto Kuusinen, who headed the Government set up by Moscow in captured Finnish territory after the Soviet invasion, has been appointed a Vice President of the Republic.

The number of Vice Presidents has been raised by decree from 11 to 18 including spokesmen of the new Republics, the other four being Modavia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

DAR-ES-SALAAM'S FINE GESTURE

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—

The Governor of Tanganyika has been asked to convey the Imperial Government's thanks to the Dar-es-Salaam Chamber of Commerce for £800 lent free of interest for the duration of the war.

NAVAL BATTLE?

ROME, Aug. 8 (Reuter)—A Madrid despatch to the Stefani Agency declares that violent gunfire has been heard in the Mediterranean, south of Valencia.

Fishermen believe a naval engagement occurred between Formentera, one of the Balearic Islands, and the north coast of Africa near Algiers.

List Of Unclaimed Telegrams

The following is the list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of Cable & Wireless Ltd.

Penn Company, from Johannesburg, Fenton, 15 Hillwood Road, 2nd floor, Kowloon, from Gillingham, Shinn, Swire, from London, Gillespie, Prison Dept., from Manila, Kalsachand, Naraindas, Kowloon, from Bombay, Via Radio, Rebo Telegraph, from Yennakong.

FOREIGN MAIIS**AIR MAIL SERVICE**

The air mail postage to U.S.A. and Canada by Pan-American Airways has been increased to \$3.50 per ½ ounce with effect as from 2nd August. The air mail rates to other American countries etc. via Pan-American Airways have also been increased and a schedule of rates is exhibited in the General Post Office.

The following air-mail services are at present available to the United Kingdom:

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By Pan-American Airways to U.S.A. and onwards by Trans-Atlantic Air Service. \$5.00 per ½ oz. Via P. A. A. & Trans-Atlantic

By Pan-American Airways to U.S.A. and onwards by sea. \$3.50 per ½ oz. plus 15 cents per oz. Via P. A. A. to U.S.A.

All air mail correspondence must bear the blue air Mail label.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAIIS

	From	Due
Japan		9th Aug.
Bangkok		9th Aug.
London and Straits		9th Aug.
Java and Manilla		9th Aug.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard		9th Aug.
Bangkok and Saigon		9th Aug.
Bangkok and Tourane		9th Aug.
Straits		9th Aug.
U. S. A., Japan and Shanghai (Seattle date 9th July.)		10th Aug.
Straits		10th Aug.
Japan and Shanghai		10th Aug.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa		10th Aug.
Shanghai		10th Aug.
Japan and Shanghai		11th Aug.
Straits		11th Aug.
London and Straits		11th Aug.
Sandakan		11th Aug.
Shanghai and Amoy		11th Aug.
Haiphong		11th Aug.
Mr Mail by "Imperial Airways Service"		12th Aug.
Saigon		12th Aug.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th August.		13th Aug.
Shanghai and Amoy		13th Aug.
Shanghai		13th Aug.
Haiphong		13th Aug.
U. S. A. and Manilla (San Francisco date 26th July.)		13th Aug.
London and Straits		14th Aug.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Service"		15th Aug.
Japan and Shanghai		15th Aug.
Shanghai		15th Aug.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th July.)		16th Aug.
Calcutta and Straits		16th Aug.
Japan and Formosa		16th Aug.
Japan		16th Aug.
Shanghai and Amoy		16th Aug.
Java and Manilla		16th Aug.
Shanghai		16th Aug.
Sandakan		16th Aug.
Australis and Manilla		16th Aug.
London and Manilla		16th Aug.
Calcutta, Straits and Salagon		16th Aug.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manilla (San Francisco date, 10th August.)		17th Aug.
U. S. A. and Manilla (San Francisco date, 2nd August.)		24th Aug.
Straits		25th Aug.

OUTWARD MAIIS

	Date and Time
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Letters 10.00 AM	
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Reg. 9th 9.15 AM	
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8.30 AM	
9.00 AM	
9.30 AM	
10.30 AM	
G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Parcels 1.00 PM	
Reg. 14th 2.45 PM	
Ord. 14th 3.30 PM	